

Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 7



Canto 6 → Canto 7

- ✧ 6.18.23 → Instigated by Indra, Visnu killed sons of Diti.
- ✧ 7.1.1-3 → Parikshit, as if not tolerating Lord's partiality, but actually understanding the truth, desired to **relish** the nectar of conclusion from Sukadeva.



7.1: LORD'S APPARENT PARTIALITY!!



1-3: Parikshit's inquiry on Lord's apparent **Partiality**

Vishnu is **sama, priya, suhrud**

Takes side of Indra & kill demons
as if **PARTIAL (vishamo yatha)?**



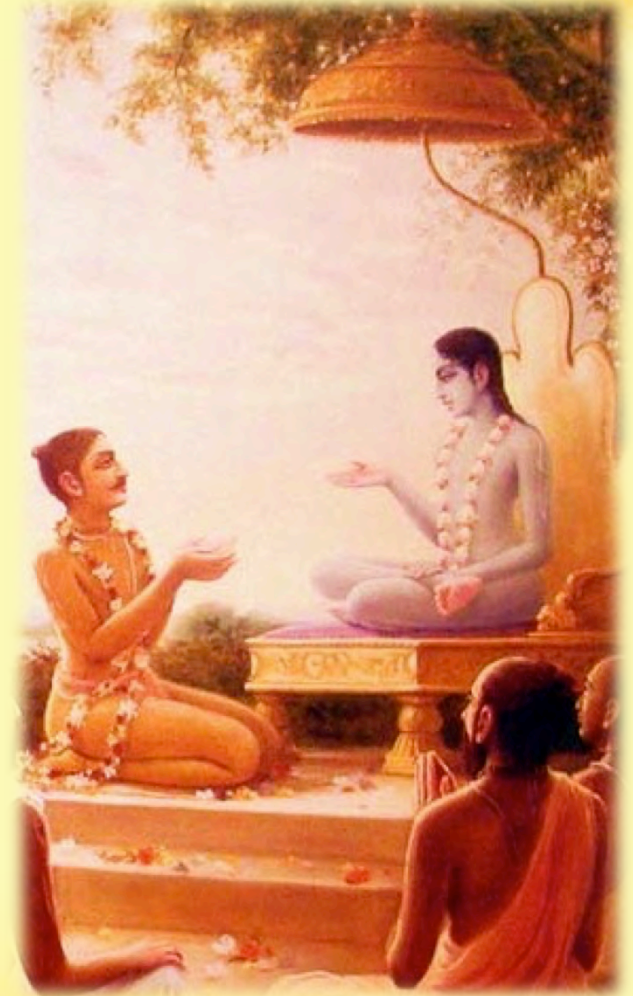
| Lord is | So He has no |
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| Nihisreyasa – highest bliss | Artha – benefit/ interest |
| Aguna – no material qualities | Vidvesha – Envy Udvega - Fear |

Please remove this
narayana gunan prati samsaya.

4-5: Wonderful Question

Why?

- ✧ **Bhagavan** → Hares caritam adbhutam
- ✧ **Bhakta** → Bhagāvata māhatmyam
- ✧ **Bhakti** → Bhakti vardhanam
- ✧ Giyate paramam punyam naradadibhih
- ✧ ___`o_ Vyasa



6-7: Lord is transcendental

- ✧ 6: Lord is Nirguna, Aja, Avyakta, Prakreteh para – yet appears human
- ✧ 7: Gunas belong to prakriti & cannot influence Lord



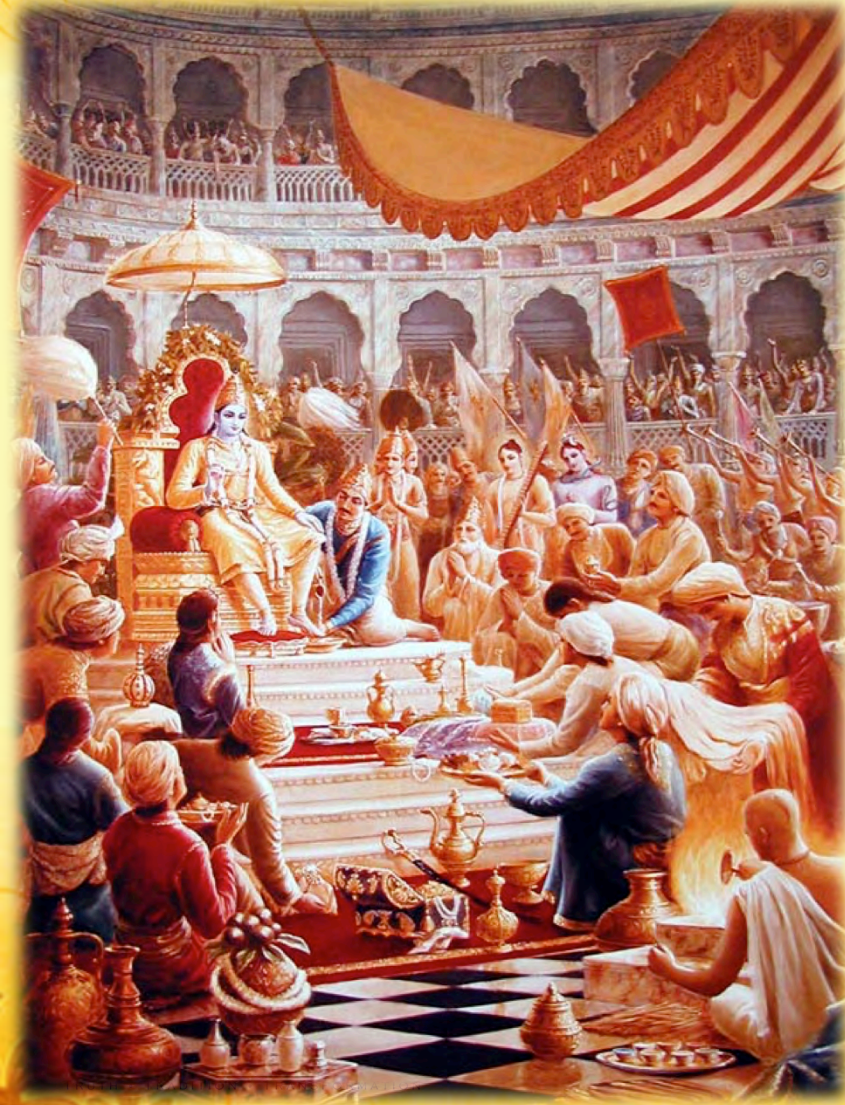
People flourish according to prominence of modes

| Prominence of | Favors |
|---------------|------------------|
| Sattva | Devatas, Sages |
| Rajas | Asuras |
| Tamas | Yaksas, Raksasas |

- ✧ 9: Kavis see Lord present in all jivas & how He is favoring them
- ✧ 10: Lord offers bodies to jivas & conducts CMD thru modes
- ✧ 11: Lord creates time → Prakriti & Jiva act under time.
- ✧ 12: Time factor enhances sattva guna → Devatas favored



13: Yudhistira inquires Narada in Rajasuya sacrifice



14-15: Yudhistira
personally saw
Sisupala merge in
Krsna's body

16: How did
Envious Sisupala
attain Vasudeva?



17: Vena was sent to
Hell for blaspheming
Lord?

Why not Sisupala?



18-20: Sisupala & Dantavakra → blasphemous, envious of Krsna –
No leprosy / hell, but merged in Krsna's body



Ultimately they attained samipyā & salokya



21: My intelligence disturbed (candle
flame by blowing wind). Please explain
22: Narada replied

23-25: Dualities do not effect the Lord

- ✧ 23: Ignorance causes experience of Dualities –
CS's body is meant for suffering in MW
- ✧ 24: CS in bodily conception is subjected to Dualities

Bodily
conception

Friends &
Enemies

Criticism &
Praise

- ✧ 25: Lord has no material body →
No dualities



Link 25 → 26 (VCT)

“What is wrong with criticizing Lord,
since He is not affected?”

Answer: Criticizer will generate bad karma!

26: Somehow, concentrate mind on Lord

tasmād vairānubandhena



Therefore, by enmity

nirvairēṇa bhayena vā



or by devotion, or fear

snehāt kāmēna vā yuñjyāt



or by affection or by lust, one
should concentrate on Lord

kathañcin nekṣate prthak

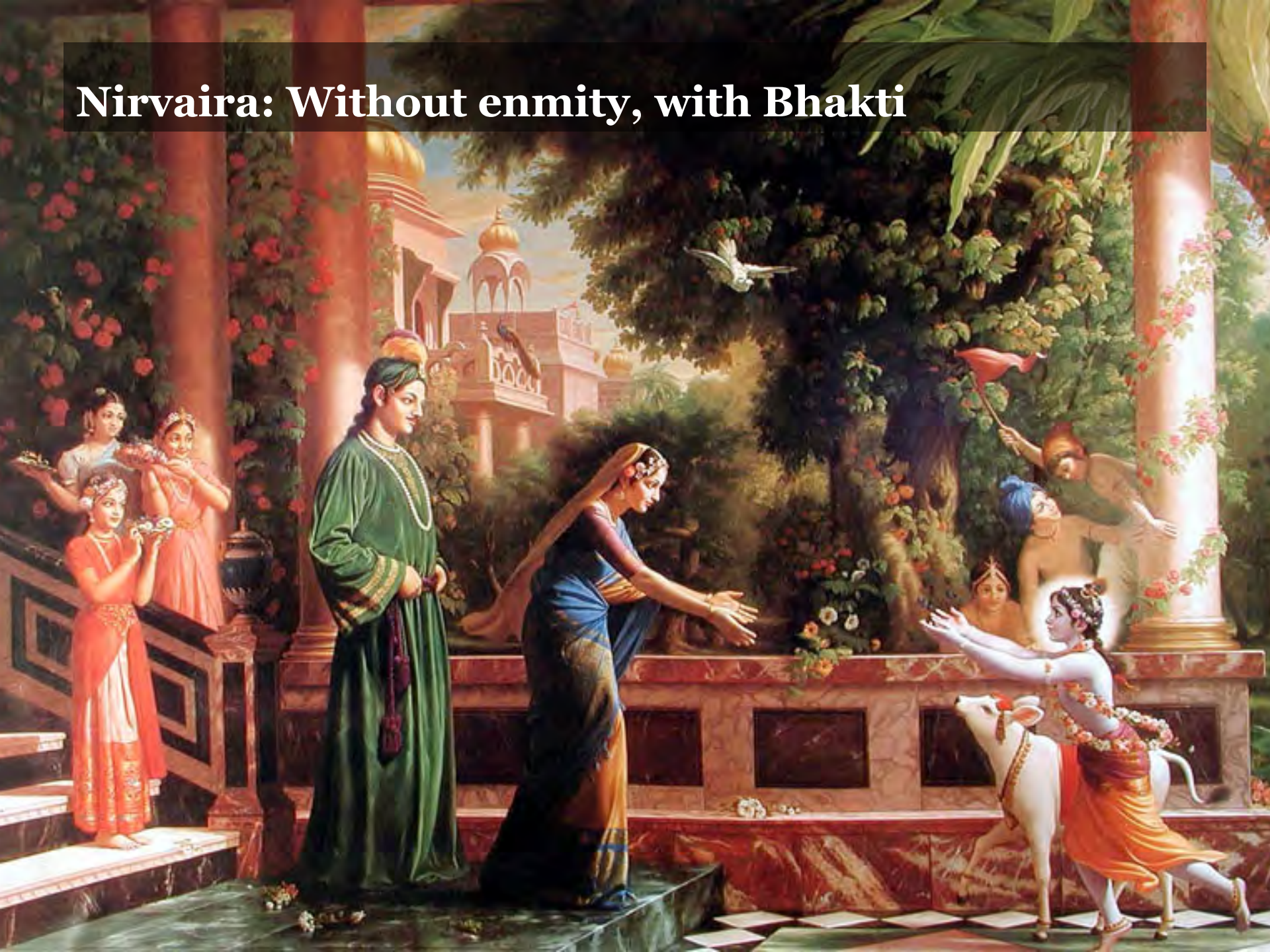


somehow; He is not affected

Vaira: Continuous enmity that leads to absorption



Nirvaira: Without enmity, with Bhakti



Bhayena: Lust with fear of transgressing moral codes



Bhayena va: Lust without fear



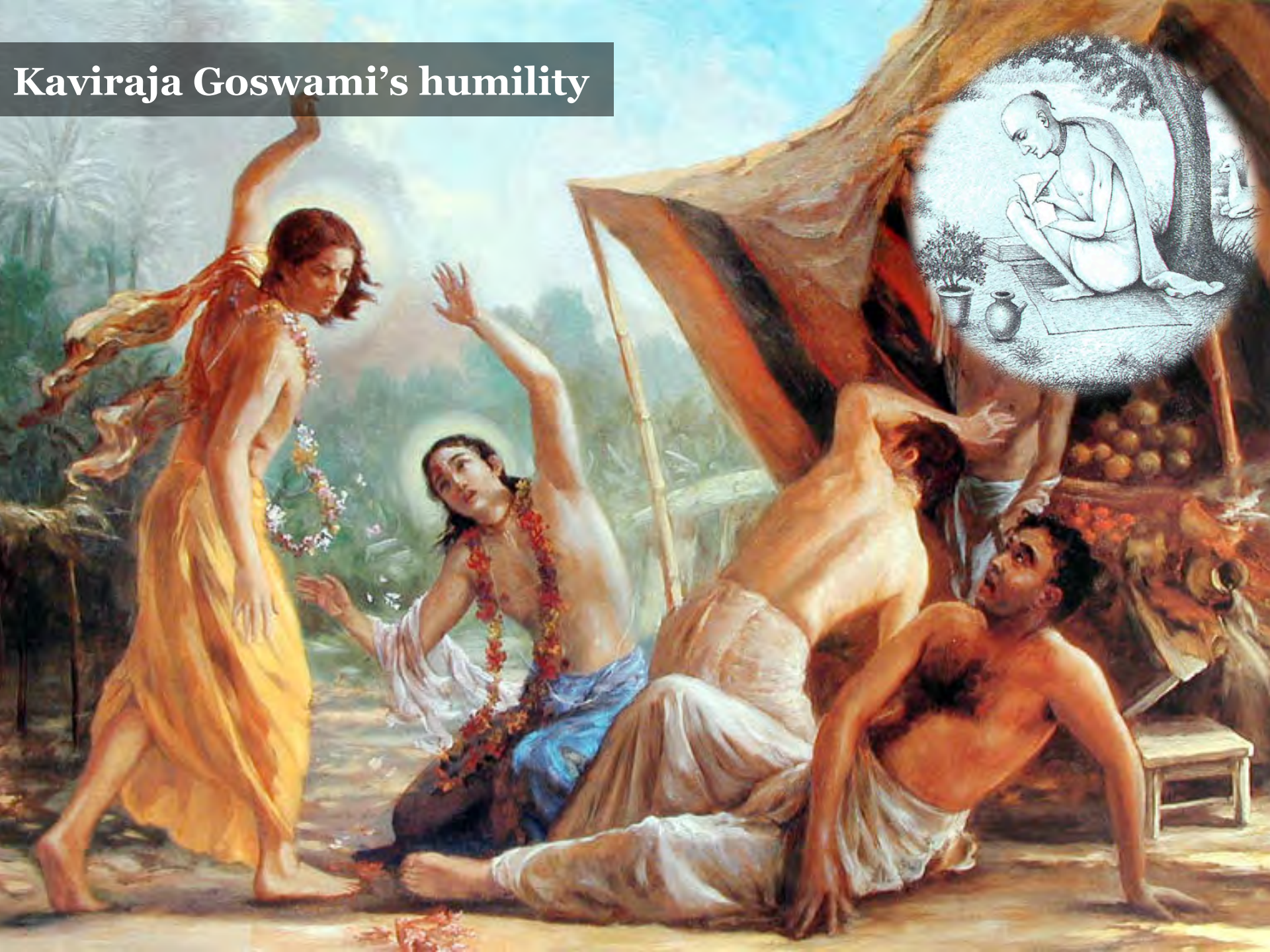
27: Enmity gives more absorption than Bhakti



**Pure devotee's
HUMILITY**

Feels himself deficient
in absorption.

Kaviraja Goswami's humility





Srimati Radharani's humility

27: Enmity gives more absorption than Bhakti



**Essential point:
Full Absorption in
thought of Krsna**

*VCT: If an envious mind can cause
absorption in Lord, what can be said
of bhakti-yoga which has absorption
of mind in Lord!*

*If Sisupala's absorption is praised so
much, how much should one praise
Nanda's & others'*

Gopis' Absorption



Yasoda's Absorption



28-29: Constant thinking of Lord in anyway → free from sin & regain spiritual body. Ex: Grass worm turns to bee



30: Liberation by thinking of Krsna in any way

kāmād dveṣād bhayāt snehād



By lust, hatred, fear & affection

yathā bhaktyeśvare manaḥ



or devotion, thinking of Krsna in mind

āveśya tad-aghaṁ hitvā



with absorption & giving up sin

bahavas tad-gatiṁ gatāḥ



Many attained liberation

31: Devotees attained goals acc. to their sadhana

gopyaḥ kāmād bhayāt kaṁso



Gopis – lust; Kamsa – fear

dveṣāc caidyādayo nṛpāḥ



Sisupala etc – Envy

sambandhād vṛṣṇayaḥ snehād



Yadus – family relation

yūyaṁ bhaktyā vayaṁ vibho



Pandavas – Affection; We – DS

Vrsnis → Vrajavasis



32: Thinking of Krsna in any of the 5 ways → Salvation

- ✧ Vena did not think of Krsna in any of the 5 ways
 - ✧ Gopis – lust
 - ✧ Kamsa – fear
 - ✧ Sisupala – hatred
 - ✧ Vrsnis – family relation
 - ✧ Narada – Vaidhi bhakti
- ✧ Therefore one should concentrate on Krsna with a favorable method.



33: Sisupala &
Dantavakra were
associates of Visnu –
cursed by
brahmanas & fell
from Vaikuntha



34-35: Yudhistira surprised!

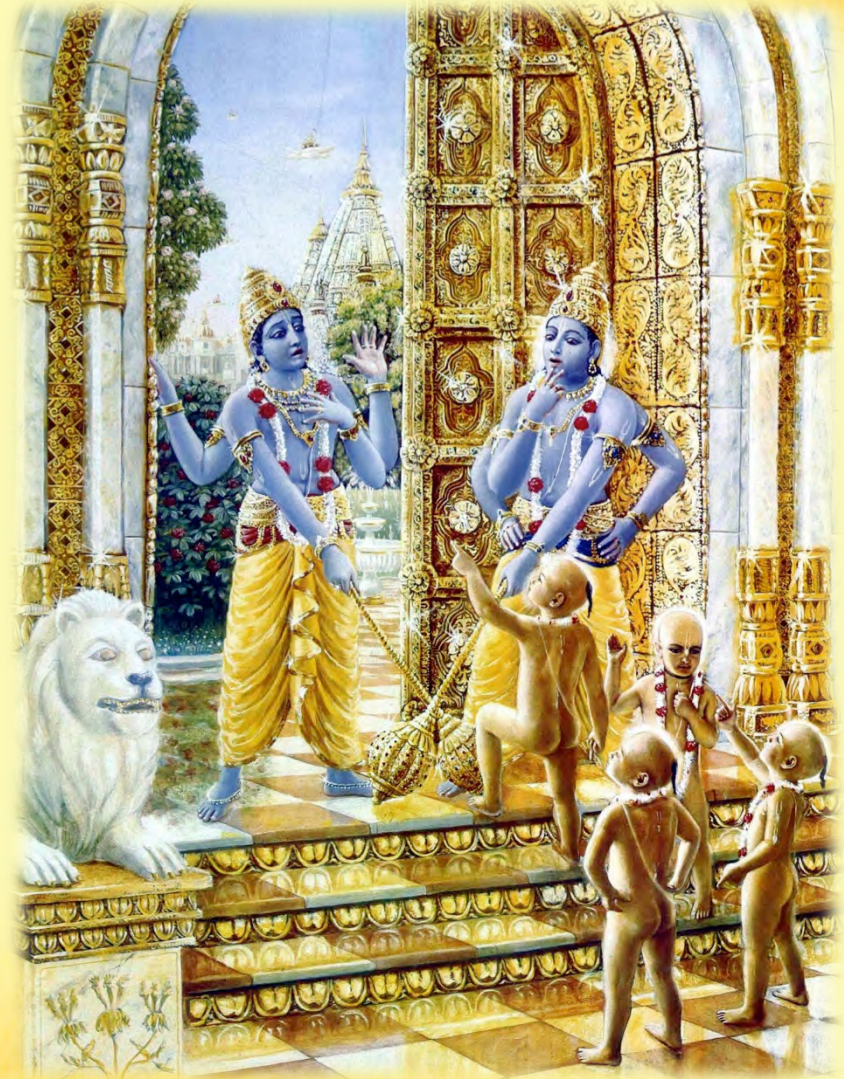
Who can curse Visnu-bhaktas? Fell to MW? Unbelievable!

Vaikuntha vasis have spiritual bodies! How descended in material bodies??



36-37: Narada muni about Jaya-Vijaya

- ✧ 36: Wandering 4 kumaras came to Visnuloka
- ✧ 37: Thinking them to be ordinary children, Jaya, Vijaya forbade.
- ✧ Vaikuntha vasis are always liberated souls (in MW/ SW; cursed/ blessed)





38: 4 Kumaras cursed them to be born as asuras
39: "After 3 births you will return to Vaikuntha."



40: Jaya Vijaya – born as sons of Diti



41: Lord as Narasimha & Varaha killed them



42-43: Hiranyakasipu tried to kill Prahlada in many ways, but failed



44-45: Jaya Vijaya as Ravana & Kumbhakarna – Killed by Rama

46: Now killed by Krsna, they are freed from curse
47: Always thught of Krsna – BTG



48: Why enmity b/w Hiranyakasipu & Prahlada?

How did Prahlada
become a great devotee?



7.2: HIRANYAKASIPU



1-3: Hiranyakasipu's anger after Hiranyaksha's death

- ✧ 2: Biting lips, gazing at sky with angry eyes & making whole sky smoky.
- ✧ 3: With terrible teeth, fierce glances & frowning eye brows spoke to demons.



4-12: Hiranyakasipu instructs the demons

- ✧ 4-5: O Namuci, Paka, Ilvala, Vipracitti, Puloman...Hear and act attentively”
- ✧ 6: Impartial Visnu sided demigods & killed my brother.
- ✧ 7-8: Influenced by Maya, SPG gave up impartiality like restless child taking sides.
- ✧ 8-9: Will kill Visnu → brother please → demigods wither (~branches dry up when tree root is cut).
- ✧ 10: You destroy brahmanas & cows → no yajnas → demigods will die.



13 – 16: Activities of Demons

- ✧ 13: Fond of disastrous & envious activities.
- ✧ 14: Burned cities, villages, fields, forests, hermitages, cow protectors & even government capitals.
- ✧ 15: Destroyed bridges, city walls & gates, cut fruit trees.
- ✧ 16: People gave up Vedic culture, demigods left heaven.



17-60: Hiranyakasipu consoles relatives

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- ✧ 20: Don't lament for hero's death in front of enemy (glorious & desirable)





21: Jivas ~ travellers in restaurant

22: **Soul** is eternal, inexhaustible...

Bondage & transmigration is due to misuse of slight independence



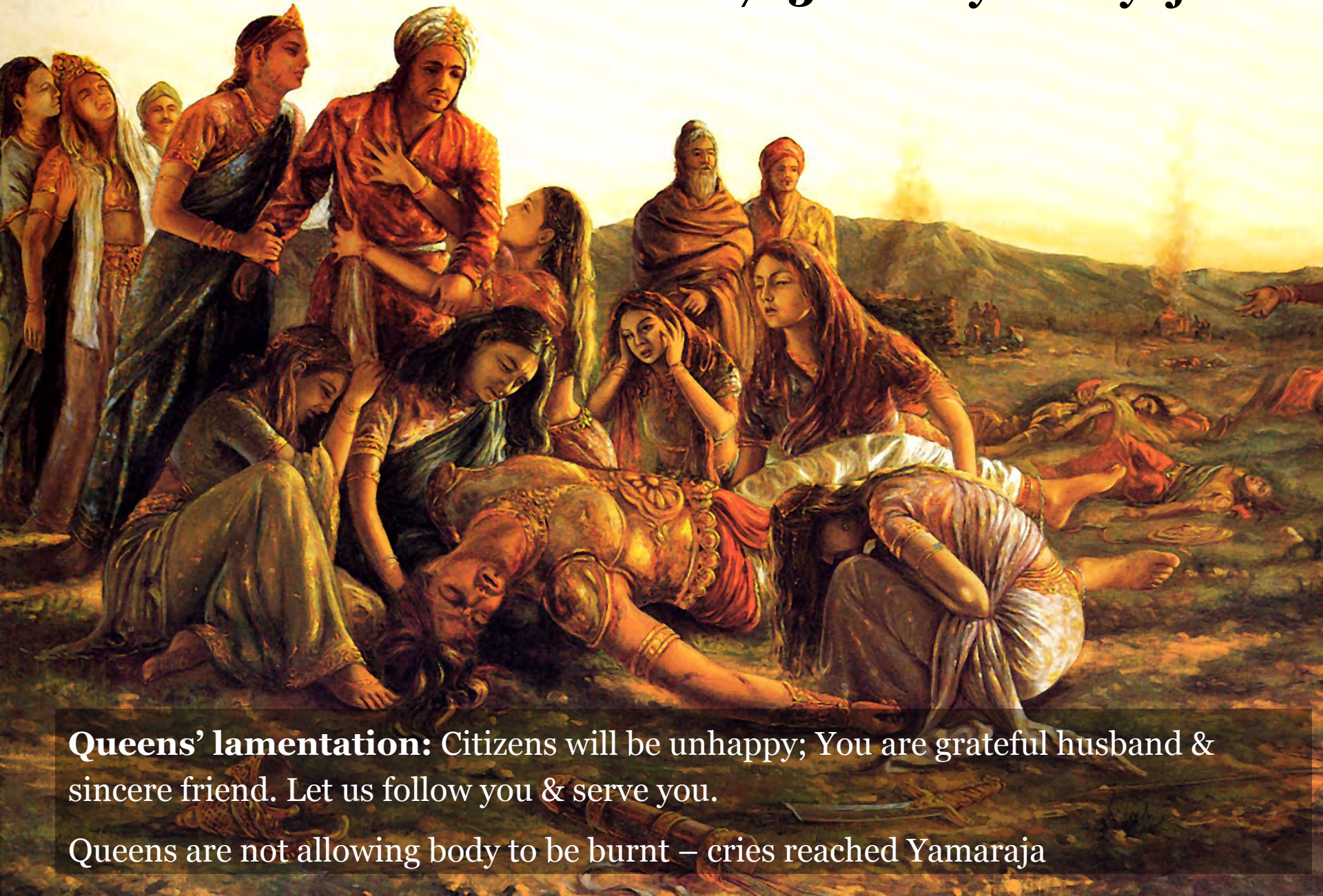
23-24: Mind agitated → pure jiva thinks he has changed.



25-26: Result of bewilderment is Misconception that causes happiness and suffering

Conclusion: Birth, death, lamentation, foolishness & anxiety are due to such material considerations.

27- 36: Story of Suyajna



Queens' lamentation: Citizens will be unhappy; You are grateful husband & sincere friend. Let us follow you & serve you.

Queens are not allowing body to be burnt – cries reached Yamaraja

- ✧ 37: Amazing to see older people who saw 100s of births & deaths bewildered.
- ✧ No exception to death → no need to lament.
- ✧ 38: Though we are (i) children & (ii) unprotected by parents, (iii) weak, we are not vanquished or eaten by ferocious animals.
- ✧ **Lord will protect** as He did it in womb.



- ✧ 39: SPG causes CMD. Creation is like His play thing & He is competent to destroy & protect.
- ✧ 40: Destiny → loss/ security of money.
- ✧ 41: Soul is different from body.



42: Householder (soul) thinks himself to be identical to house (body).





43: Fire (in wood) is different from wood

**Air (in mouth & nostrils),
yet perceived separate**

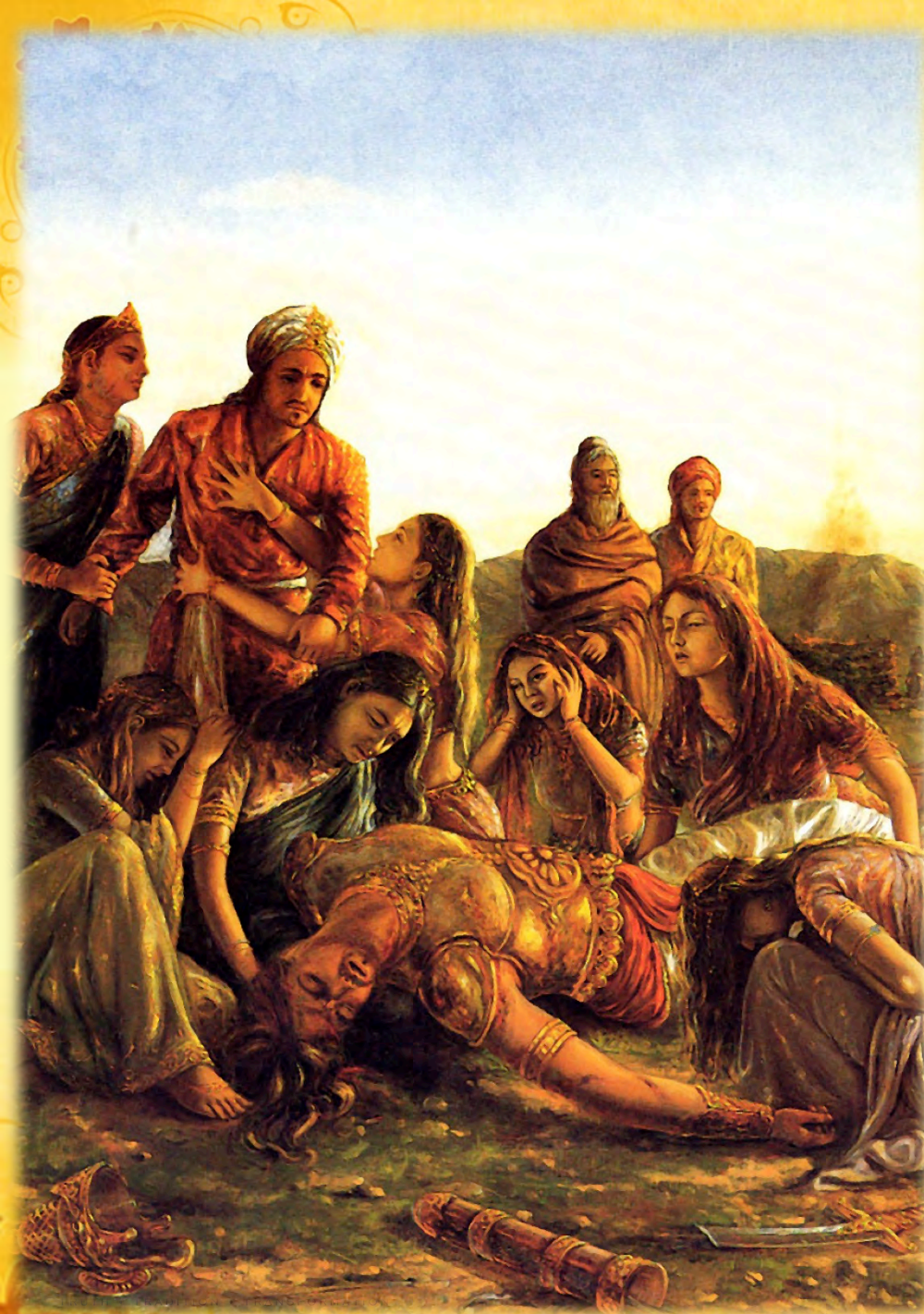


Sky, all-pervading – never mixes with anything



Contradictory lamentation

- ✧ 44: **Body** (that responded to you) is in front of you;
- ✧ 45: Even **life air** is not the listener or speaker.
- ✧ 46: Bodies are created by 5 elements, 10 senses & mind.
- ✧ 47: Subtle body binds soul to karmic results & connects him with the material energy
- ✧ 48: Material happiness/ distress are meaningless
- ✧ 49: Spirit soul is eternal & body is perishable → Know this → no lamentation



Story of Kulinga birds



Female bird captured



Male bird's lamentation

- ✧ 53 – Providence is merciless
- ✧ 54 – I cannot live now (wife is 1/2 body)
- ✧ 55 – Baby birds are helpless:



Male bird shot



57: Even if you lament for 100 yrs, your husband will not come back, but your lives will be finished.





7.3.HIRANYAKASIPU'S PLAN TO BE IMMORTAL

1-5: Hiranyakasipu's austerities

- ✧ 1: **Desire** – unconquerable, no old age, death, ruler of even Brahmaloaka.
- ✧ 2: **Austerity** – valley in Mandara, (i) standing on toes, (ii) arms upward (iii) looking toward sky.
- ✧ 3-5: **Effect** – Light & fire from head – all planets hot.
- ✧ Rivers & oceans agitated,
- ✧ Globe trembling
- ✧ Stars & planets fell
- ✧ Directions ablaze.



6-13: Demigods' request to Brahma

- ✧ 7: Stop disturbances before everyone's annihilation
- ✧ 8-10: Hiranyakasipu plans to occupy your post.
- ✧ 11: He plans to reverse pious & impious acts, overturn the established practices.
- ✧ 12-13: Your post is auspicious, demon cannot occupy



14-25: Brahma meets Hiranyakasipu

- ✧ 17: You perfected austerities. Ask your wish.
- ✧ 18-19: Circulating life air in bones – Even Bhrigu can't do. Sustained life w/ o water for 100 c.yrs
- ✧ 20: Your determination conquered me.
- ✧ 21: Your audience with me will not go in vain. Ask!
- ✧ 22-25: Brahma revived Hiranyakasipu who offered ___`o_ & glorified Brahma.





35-38: Clever Benediction

No death

- ✧ From any jiva created by you
- ✧ within or outside residence
- ✧ During daytime or at night
- ✧ On ground or sky
- ✧ by any being other than created by you
- ✧ by any weapon
- ✧ by any human being / animal
- ✧ from any living or nonliving.
- ✧ by any demigod / demon / snake from lower planets

No rival

Sole lordship over all living entities
& presiding deities

All mystic powers

7.4. HIRANYAKASIPU TERRORIZES UNIVERSE



Hiranyakasipu's atrocities

- ✧ Lustrous body – Envy towards Visnu continued.
- ✧ He conquered entire universe – 3 worlds, all abodes
- ✧ He resided in heaven – (Opulence of Indra's palace)
- ✧ Demigods had to bow down at his feet, Even Narada offered prayers
- ✧ Always drunk – Except BVS, everyone worshiped him.
- ✧ Accepted sacrificial shares for himself.

Hiranyakasipu controls nature

- ✧ Earth → abundant food grains w/o plowing. (surabhi cow)
- ✧ Cows → abundant milk
- ✧ Outer space → decorated with wonderful phenomena
- ✧ 7 oceans & rivers → gems and jewels
- ✧ Valleys → fields of pleasure
- ✧ Trees & plants → fruits & flowers in all seasons
- ✧ He directed qualities of pouring water, drying and burning without assistance from the demigods.
- ✧ 19: In spite of controlling all directions & all kinds of sense gratification, he was **dissatisfied due to uncontrolled senses.**

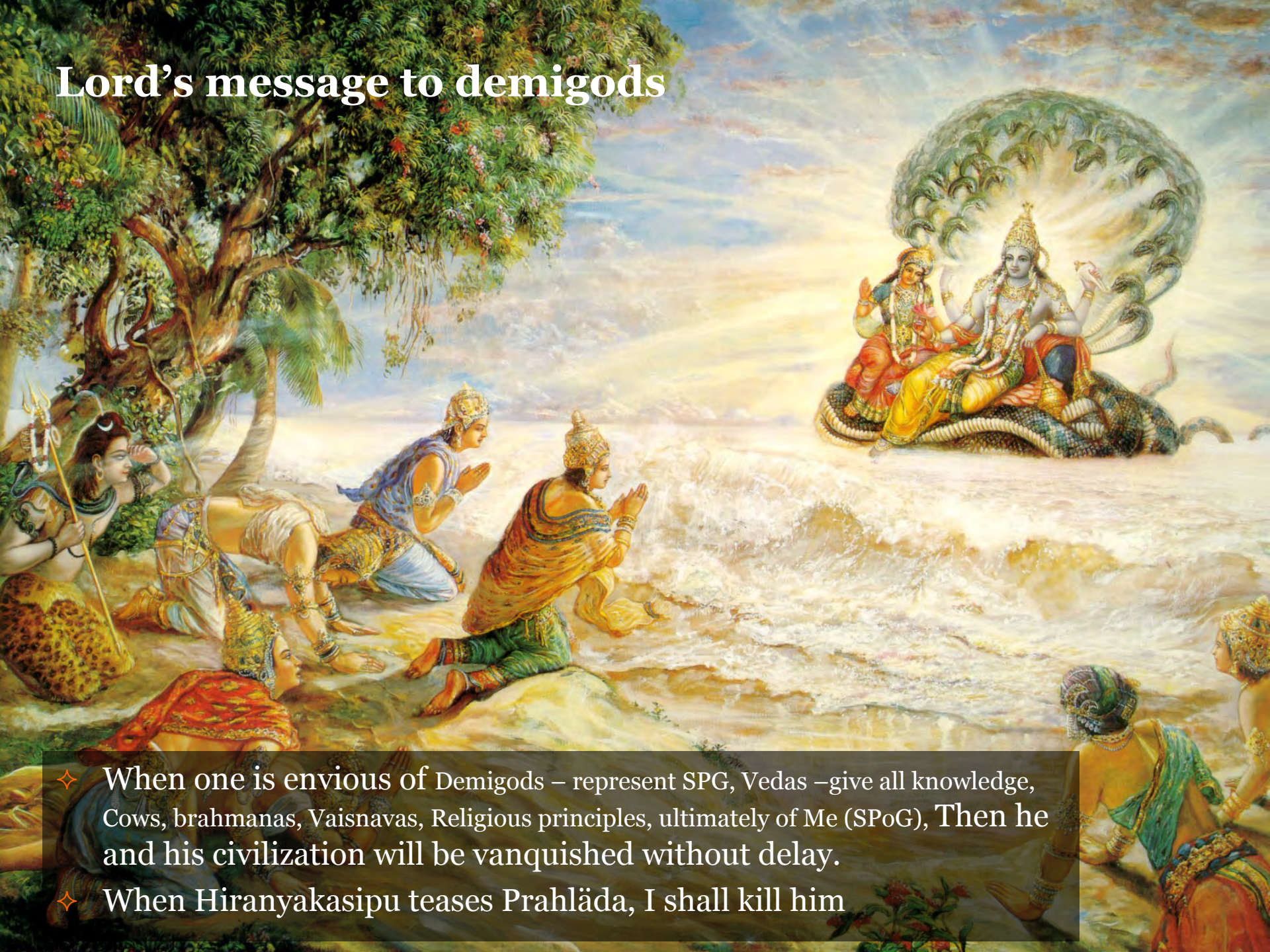
Demigods approach Visnu



❖ Demigods heard a transcendental sound – not visible to material eyes.

- ❖ Grave as cloud
- ❖ Encouraging
- ❖ Driving all fear

Lord's message to demigods



- ❖ When one is envious of Demigods – represent SPG, Vedas –give all knowledge, Cows, brahmanas, Vaisnavas, Religious principles, ultimately of Me (SPoG), Then he and his civilization will be vanquished without delay.
- ❖ When Hiranyakasipu teases Prahlaḍa, I shall kill him

30-43: Qualities of Prahlada



brahmaṇyaḥ śīla-sampannaḥ
 satya-sandho jitendriyaḥ
 ātmavat sarva-bhūtānām
 eka-priya-suhṛttamaḥ
 dāsavat sannatāryāṅghriḥ
 pitṛvad dīna-vatsalaḥ
 bhrātr̥vat sadṛśe snigdho
 guruṣv īśvara-bhāvanaḥ
 vidyārtha-rūpa-janmāḍhyo
 māna-stambha-vivarjitaḥ

Link 7.4 → 7.5:
Yudhistira's questions in 7.4.44-46



Parents are affectionate to children.
Then how did Hiranyakasipu
chastise such a noble son?

7.5: PRAHLADA



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- 45-57 → Hiranyakasipu's thoughts & Prahlada sent back to school

1-3: Prahlada's education under Sukracarya's sons



- ✧ 1: Demons accepted Sukracarya as priest.
- ✧ 2 : Prahlada sent to Sanda & Amarka for education, although knowledgeable (*naya kovidam*) of devotion/ politics.
- ✧ 3: Prahlada studied, but did not like political philosophy – **enemy & friend/ oneself & others** (*sva-para* – duality).

4-5: Hiranyakasipu's inquiry & Prahlada's reply

Let me know **What you this is the BEST?**

tat sādhu manye 'sura-varya dehinām

O Asuravarya, I think the BEST is: For Dehis,

sadā samudvigna-dhiyām asad-grahāt

who are always full of anxieties, minds absorbed in "I & mine" (temporary as real)

hitvātma-pātaṁ gṛham andha-kūpaṁ

To give up soul degrading, blind-well like griha, and...

vanam gato yad dharim āśrayeta

Go to forest (Vrindavan) & take shelter of Hari



6-7: Hiranyakasipu's response – Laughed...



- ✧ 6: “Children’s intelligence spoiled by enemy’s words.”
- ✧ 7: “Protect him at Gurukul so that Vaisnavas (like Narada) who come in disguise (as brahmanas) will not spoil his intelligence.”

8-10: Sanda & Amarka inquire from Prahlada

- ✧ 8: Sanda, Amarka pacified Prahlada & inquired affectionately.
- ✧ 9-10: “Other boys are not like you. Who spoiled your intelligence?”

11: Lord's maya created concept of 'friend & enemy'

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Asat grahah

Crocodile (graha) that devours men fallen in samsara (asat)



12: Pleasing the Lord destroys pasu-buddhi

My intelligence is not polluted –
By guru's grace, I learnt

**“No one is my friend/
enemy. Everyone is eternal
servant of Krsna (Oneness)”**



13: Lord made my intelligence different from yours

14: My consciousness attracted to Cakrapani

(~Iron to magnet)



15-18: Teachers chastise & teach Prahlada

- ✧ 15: Sanda & Amarka angry, chastised Prahlada
- ✧ 16: Bring stick, he is causing infamy for dynasty, deserves punishment.
- ✧ 17: Demon dynasty ~ sandalwood forest; Visnu ~ axe; Prahlada ~ thorn tree handle.
- ✧ 18: They forcefully taught Prahlada about trivargas.

19-22: Next meeting of Prahlada & Hiranyakasipu

- ✧ 19: Teachers thought Prahlada was educated in 4 diplomatic principles (sama, dana, bheda, danda) & one day presented him before his father.
- ✧ 20: Prahlada ___`o_.
Hiranyakasipu blessed, embraced.
- ✧ 21: Sat on lap, with affectionate tears, inquired.
- ✧ 22: “What did you learn from your guru?”



23-24: Prahlada's answer



25-29: Hiranyakasipu chastises the teachers



- ✧ 26: “Brahma bandhu! You disobeyed me, took shelter of *vipaksha* & taught *asāram* to Prahlada.
- ✧ 27: Deceptive friend’s enmity is revealed in time (~*rogah patakinam*)
- ✧ 28: “Prahlada’s bhakti is natural (naisargiki), not taught by me. Don’t accuse a brahmana.”
- ✧ 29: “If teachers didn’t teach you, where did you get this *abhadra-asati-mati*?”

30: Nature & destination of Grihavrata

matir na kṛṣṇe parataḥ svato vā

mitho 'bhipadyeta gr̥ha-vratānām

adānta-gobhir viśatām tamisram

punaḥ punaś carvita-carvaṇānām

Grihavrata's inclination towards Kṛṣṇa is never aroused by (i) others' instructions, (ii) own efforts & (iii) combination of both

Because of uncontrolled senses, they enter hellish life

And repeatedly chew the chewed

31: Ignorant of self interest; Ambitious to enjoy; Misled by blind men; Bound by material nature

na te viduḥ svārtha-gatiṁ hi viṣṇum

They don't understand that Visnu is their real interest (goal of life)

durāśayā ye bahir-artha-māninaḥ

Being ambitious to enjoy MW, they consider external sense objects valuable

andhā yathāndhair upanīyamānās

As blind men led by another blind man (guru)

te 'pīśa-tantryām uru-dāmni baddhāḥ

They are strongly bound by ropes of material nature

32: Power of serving a Vaisnava

naiṣāṁ matis tāvad urukramāṅghrim

spṛśaty anarthāpagamo yad-arthaḥ

mahīyasāṁ pāda-rajo-'bhiṣekaṁ

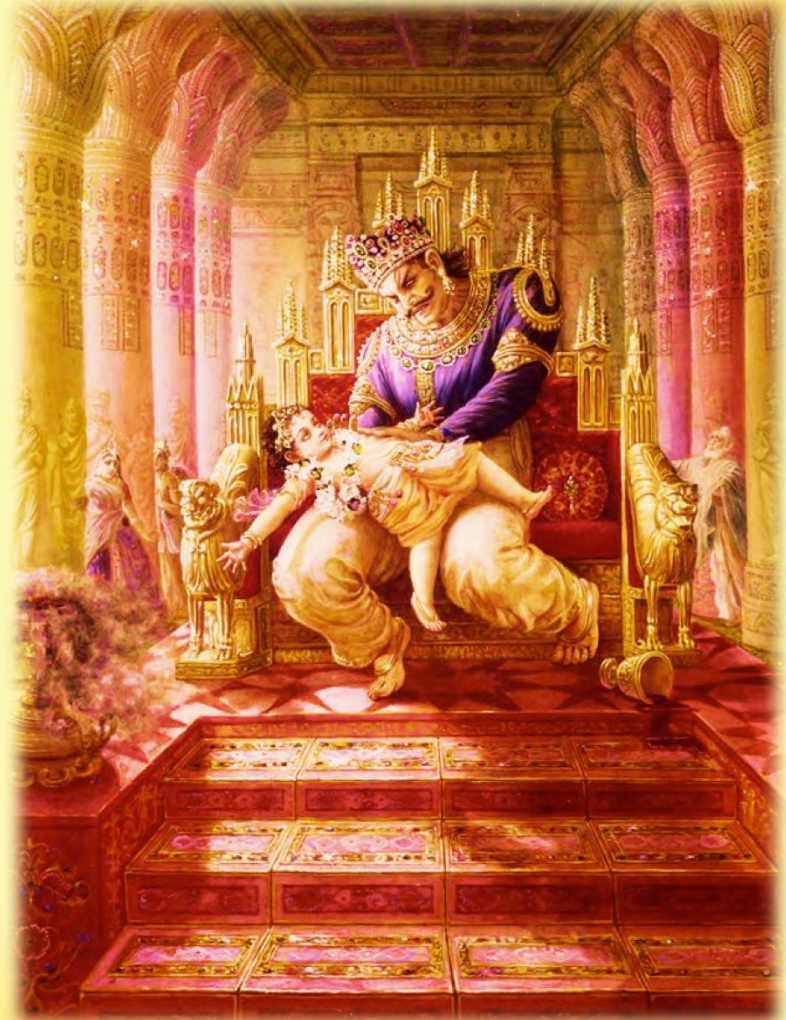
niṣkiñcanānāṁ na vṛṇīta yāvat

Their consciousness is not
attached to Urukrama's lotus feet,
That destroys unwanted things
(samsara)

Till they smear their bodies with
dust of great devotees, who are
free from material contamination

33-38: Hiranyakasipu orders to kill Prahlada

- ✧ 33: Threw him off the lap
- ✧ 34: Kill him ASAP
- ✧ 35: He is killer of my brother – DS to enemy
- ✧ 36: Untrustworthy → given up family relation at young age
- ✧ 37: Unfavorable son is like diseased limb of body – kill
- ✧ 38: Uncontrolled senses ~ enemies; Uncontrolled son – must be killed



39 – 44: Attempts to kill Prahlada failed



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45-50: Hiranyakasipu's thoughts; Teachers' advice

- ✧ 45: “I could not kill him. He saved himself by his own powers.
- ✧ 46: He is like dogs tail, completely fearless child; never forgets his connection with Visnu.
- ✧ 47: Unlimited strength. Appears immortal. Because of my enmity toward him, I may die.

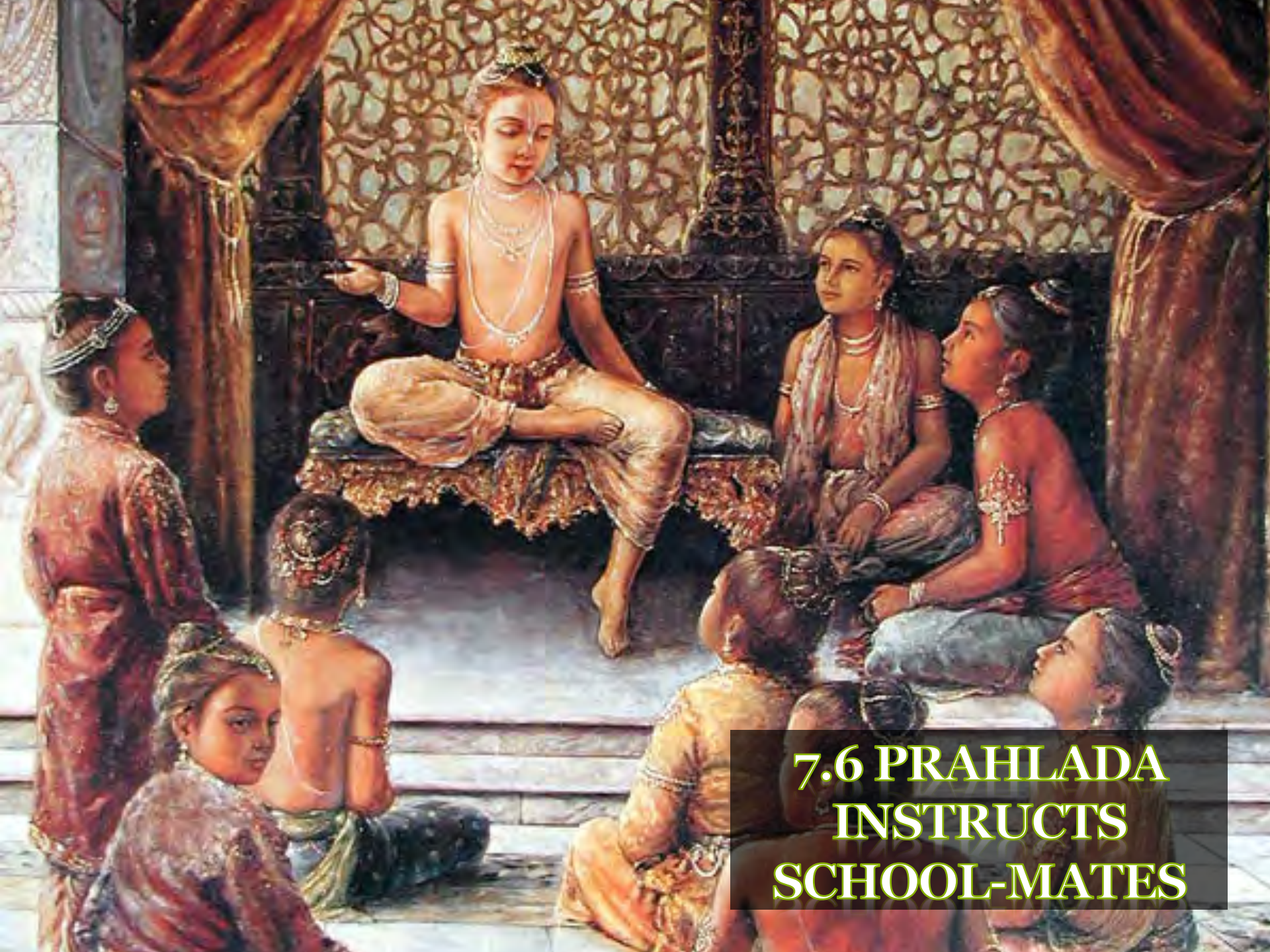
Sanda & Amarka spoke secretly to Hiranyakasipu.

- ✧ 49: You conquered 3 worlds. Child's good or bad qualities have no value.
- ✧ 50: Now arrest him. He will change after grown up.

51-57: Prahlada back to school

- ✧ 52: Teachers systematically & unceasingly taught Prahlada dharma, artha, kama.
- ✧ 53: Prahlāda did not like them (duality filled, materialistic).
- ✧ 54: Classmates would call Prahlada for playing, in the absence of teachers.
- ✧ 55: Prahlāda began to teach classmates about the uselessness of the materialistic way of life.
- ✧ 56-57: All children were (i) affectionate and (ii) respectful to Prahlāda, and (iii) were not so polluted by the teachers. So they hear him with eyes fixed on him.





7.6 PRAHLADA INSTRUCTS SCHOOL-MATES

1-5: Right utility of human life



kaumāra ācaret prājño
dharmān bhāgavatān iha
durlabham mānuṣam janma
tad apy adhruvam arthadam

- ✧ 2: Chance for going BTG is afforded by human life → so perform DS. to Vishnu (most beloved)

1-5: Right utility of human life



- ✧ 3: Material happiness comes automatically (like distress) due to one's past fruitive activities.

sukham aindriyakam daityā
deha-yogena dehinām
sarvatra labhyate daivād
yathā duḥkham ayatnataḥ

- ✧ 4: Endeavoring only for material happiness is waste of time. By endeavoring for KC, one attains benefit.
- ✧ 5: Endeavor for highest goal as long as body is stout & strong.

6-8: Human Life duration – 100 yrs

- ✧ 50 yrs – sleep
- ✧ 10 yrs – childhood
- ✧ 10 yrs – sporting
- ✧ 20 yrs – old age
- ✧ Rest – wasted in household affairs w/o DS

9-18: Family life

9: Bound by ropes of affection & uncontrolled senses – cannot be liberated.





10: Money sweeter than honey –
accumulate even at the risk of life.
Ex: Thieves, soldiers and merchants.

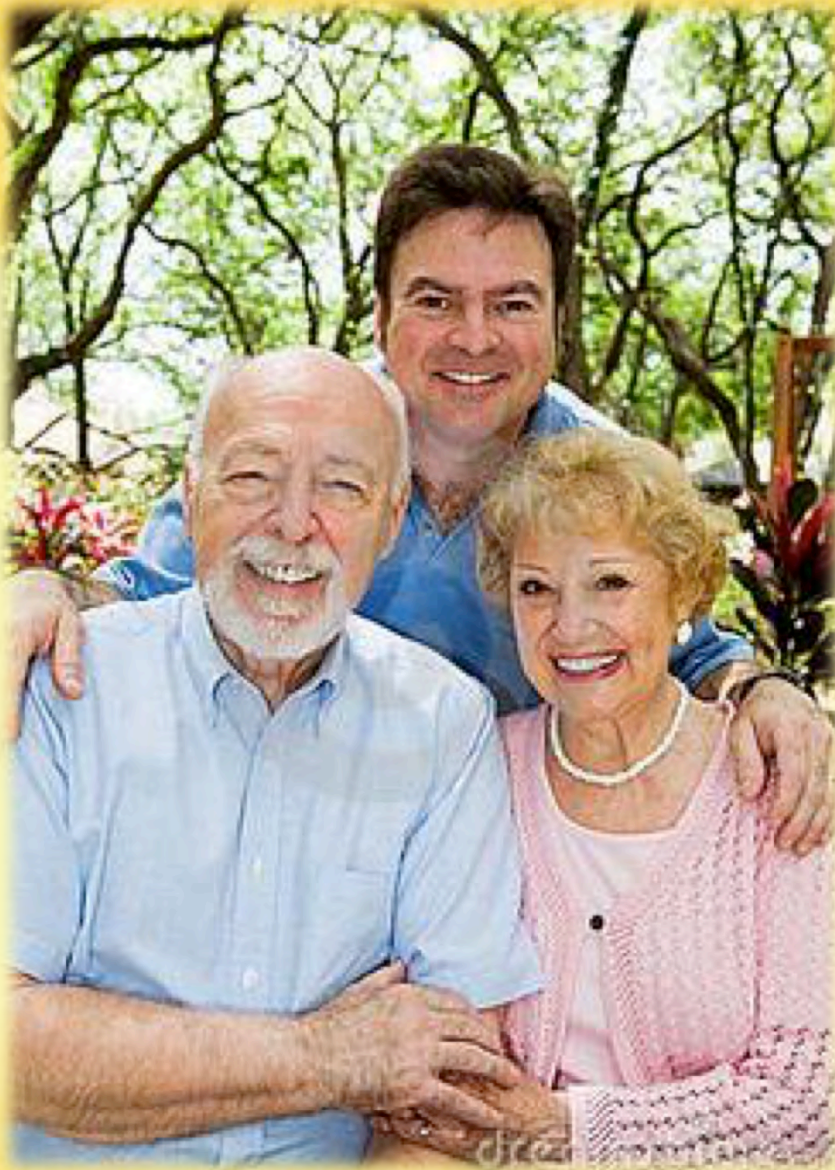




Wife – kind & sympathetic,
pleases husband



Small children – talk in broken language, very pleasing to hear





Daughter – especially dear to father



Furniture, animals and servants
give comfort.



Silkworm becomes imprisoned in its cocoon ~ One is bound by material conditions bcoz of genitals & tongue.

9-18: Household life



- ✧ 14: Human purpose defeated, time wasted. Attentive at money management. Though suffering, no detachment.
- ✧ 15: Cheats & accumulates money, though aware of Yamaraj's punishment.
- ✧ 16: Though educated, in “mine & others” – like cats & dogs.
- ✧ 17-18: Those bereft of knowledge of SPG (i) are bound by material laws (ii) cannot liberate themselves, (iii) addicted to sense gratification, (iv) play things in hands of women. (iv) Surrounded by family.
- ✧ Although you are sons of demons, keep aloof from them and take shelter of SPG.

19-26: Instructions on worshipping SPG



- ✧ 19: No impediment in worshipping Him or difficulty in pleasing Him.
- ✧ 20-23: **Qualities of SPG**
 - ✧ supreme controller
 - ✧ Supersoul.
- ✧ He appears nonexistent to atheists as they are covered by maya.

19-26: Instructions on worshiping SPG



- ✧ 24: How to Satisfy the Lord:
 - ✧ Give up demoniac nature
 - ✧ Act without enmity or duality.
 - ✧ Show mercy to all living entities.

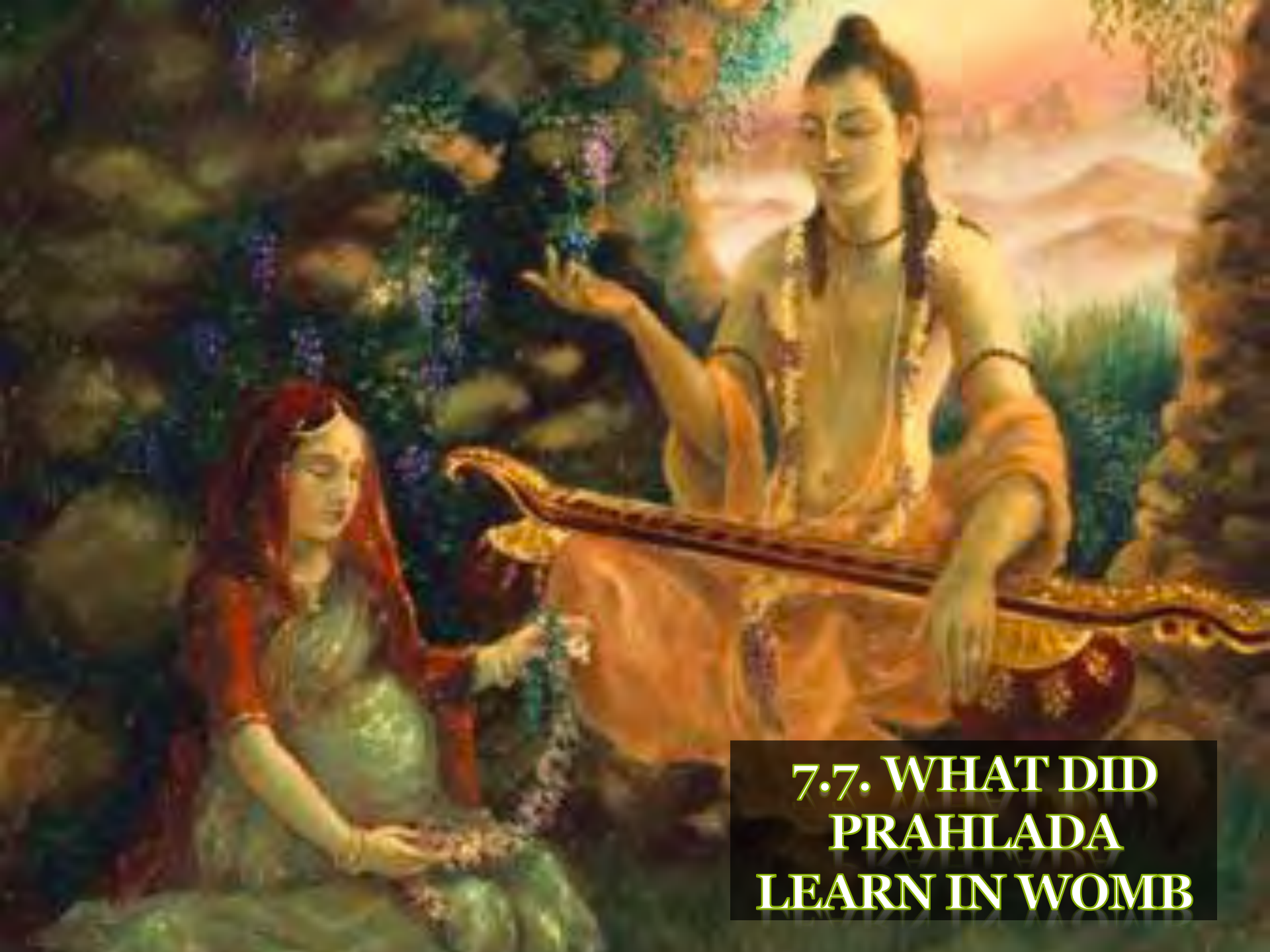
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dayāṁ kuruta sauhṛdam
bhāvam āsuram unmucya
yayā tuṣyaty adhokṣajāḥ

- ✧ 25: Devotee do not ask for tri-
varga, though they can attain
anything by satisfying Lord. They
engage in glorification of Lord
- ✧ 26: Things related to Tri-varga are
external & material. Surrender to
Lotus feet of Visnu is
transcendental.

27-30: How did Prahlada get this knowledge?



- ✧ 27-28: Bhagavata dharma from SPG → Narada → Prahlada
- ✧ 29: “How did you hear from Narada?”



**7.7. WHAT DID
PRAHLADA
LEARN IN WOMB**



1-16: How Prahlada heard from Narada?

- ✧ 2: Hiranyakasipu in austerity –demigods attacked demons.
- ✧ 3: Demigods, “As a serpent is eaten by small ants, Hiranyakasipu is defeated now.”
- ✧ 4-5: Leaders being killed - other demons fled.
- ✧ 6: Demigods plundered the palace & arrested his wife.
- ✧ 7: Narada muni appeared & saw her crying in fear. (Kurari captured by a vulture.)

1-16: How Prahlada heard from Narada?

- ✧ 8: Narada, “Sinless woman, chaste wife. Don’t be merciless”
- ✧ 9: Indra, “We will release her after delivery of child (demon)”
- ✧ 10: Nārada, “This child is faultless, sinless and a great devotee.”
- ✧ 11: Demigods released & circumambulated her.
- ✧ 12: Nārada brought her to his asrama.



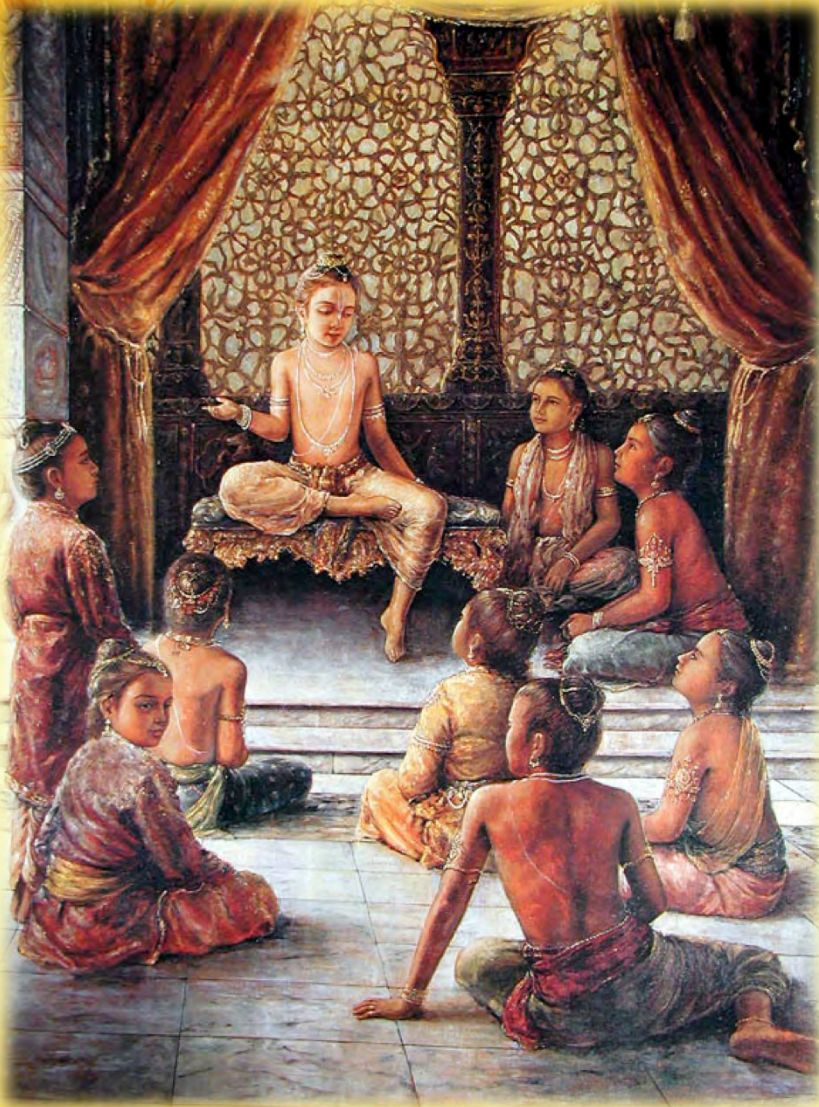
1-16: How Prahlada heard from Narada?

- ✧ 13: She accepted Narada's instructions.
- ✧ 14: She desired to give birth after husband's arrival. She served Narada at his ashram.
- ✧ 15: Being (i) kind to fallen souls and (ii) situated in transcendental position, Nārada instructed both mother & child in womb.
- ✧ 16: Mother forgot as (i) long time passed (ii) less intelligence. But Prahlada remembered.



17-28: Spirit soul & Transmigration

- ✧ 17: You children also can understand transcendental knowledge.
- ✧ 18: Body undergoes 6 changes, but spirit soul doesn't.
- ✧ 19-20: Atma → Lord or jiva.



17-28: Spirit soul & Transmigration



- ✧ 21: Spiritualist can understand presence of soul/supersoul in body (~geologist extracts gold from gold ore)
- ✧ 22: Soul exists as observer in 8 elements, 3 modes & 16 transformations
- ✧ 23: Spirit soul exists in gross & subtle bodies. One must separate spirit from matter by analysis, 'neti, neti'.

17-28: Spirit soul & Transmigration

- ✧ 24: A sober person should search for spirit soul with pure mind - purified by knowledge of matter & spirit.
- ✧ 25-26: Presence of the air is understood by aromas it carries, similarly soul's presence is understood by 3 divisions of intelligence – wakefulness, dreaming & deep sleep.
- ✧ 27: Due to polluted intelligence one is subjected to 3 modes.
- ✧ 28: So destroy this polluted intelligence *by taking to devotional service*

29-38: Performance of Bhakti

- ✧ 29: Bhakti Yoga is the best : because it awakens Love of Godhead.

30-32: Limbs of Bhakti Yoga:

- ✧ (i) accept the bona fide spiritual master,
- ✧ (ii) render service unto him
- ✧ (iii) offer all one's possession to guru
- ✧ (iv) in association of devotees worship Lord according to injunctions of çāstra & guru by – hearing, glorifying, meditating & worshiping deity.
- ✧ (v) offer respect to every living entity according to that living entity's position or manifestation – as SPG is present as Supersoul in every living entities

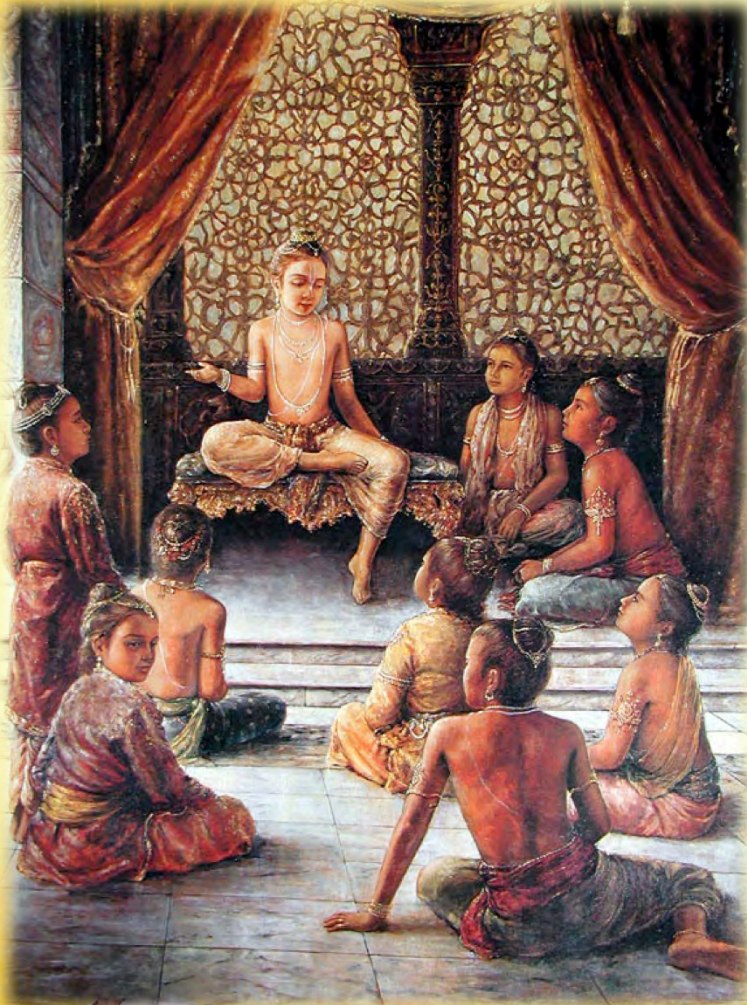
29-38: Performance of Bhakti

✧ 33: 2 Results:

- ✧ Secondary: Conquer 6 Anarths.
- ✧ Primary: Rati/Prema to Vasudev.

- ✧ 34-35: Asta satvik vikar – laugh, cry, dance...etc
- ✧ 36: Attains Bhava Bhakti: dasya/sakhya...
- ✧ 37: By realizing the bliss in DS, one is completely liberated.
- ✧ 38: Going hell needs much more endeavour then going BTG

39-47: Struggle for material things is unworthy



- ✧ 39: Temporary Material opulence cannot give any benefit to a sensible man who understands himself to be eternal.

- ✧ 40: Even heaven is temporary.

Destination of materialistic person

- ✧ 41: Frustrated, either in this life or in the next → gets inevitably opposite results.

But Some time they are happy

- ✧ 42: One is happy as long as one does not endeavor for it; as soon as one begins his activities for happiness, his distress begins.

43 – 47 : Nature of Materialistic Body

- ✧ 43: Jiva desires comfort, but the perishable body, which is property of others, embraces LE & leaves him aside.
- ✧ 44-45: Body is meant to become stool / earth → no meaning to paraphernalia related to the body, such as wives, residences etc...
- ✧ 46: KARMA: suffering is due to previous karma. Knowing this, who will be interested in furtive activities?
- ✧ 47: **Transmigration Continues**

48-55: So, please take to devotion

- ✧ 48: DAKM- depend on the disposition of SPG. So, follow devotees & w/o desire depend upon Supreme Lord & worship Him.
- ✧ 49: Lord is the most dear (Supersoul), & supreme controller.
- ✧ 50: Result of DS → most auspicious condition of life, exactly like us. [mahajanas].



48-55: So, please take to devotion



Without Bhakti everything else is mockery

- ✧ 51-52: Lord is pleased only with unflinching, unalloyed devotion, not by charity, austerity .. etc
- ✧ 53: In the same favorable way that one takes care of himself, take to DS to satisfy SPG.
- ✧ 54: Everyone, including you, women, sudras & cowherd men etc...can revive his original, eternal spiritual life and exist forever simply by accepting the principles of bhakti-yoga.
- ✧ 55: Ultimate goal of human life is (i) render service to lotus feet of Govinda, and (ii) to see Him everywhere.



**7.8. LORD NARASIMHA
KILLS HIRANYAKASIPU**

1-5: Teachers report about Prahlada to his father

- ✧ 1: Children appreciated & accepted Prahlāda's instructions & rejected teachers.
- ✧ 2: Teachers were afraid & reported to Hiranyakasipu.
- ✧ 3-4: Hiranyakasipu became angry (hissing) & decided to kill Prahlada (peaceful, mild, gentle, sense controlled) who stood with folded hands.



5-10: Hiranyakasipu rebukes Prahlada

- ✧ 5: O most impudent... you violated my power to rule you. Today I shall kill you.
- ✧ 6: When I am angry all the planets tremble. Then by whose power are you fearless & overstep my power to rule you?

7-10: Prahlada replies

- ✧ 7: SPG is source of strength for everyone moving or non-moving, you & me, superior or inferior, including Brahmä.
- ✧ 8: SPG is controller of time & 3 modes, power of senses, mind & body. He is best of all living entities, & does CMD by His own power.
- ✧ 9: Give up demoniac mentality of discriminating between enemies & friends. **Uncontrolled mind** is the only enemy in this world. In platform of equality, one can worship the Lord perfectly.
 - ✧ 10: Enemies are only imagined. Conquers 6 anarthas & be equipoised to all → no more enemies.

11-13: Hiranyakasipu's reply

- ✧ 11: You are trying to minimize my value, as if you were better than me at controlling the senses.
- ✧ 12: If Your Lord is everywhere, then why is He not present before me in this pillar?
- ✧ 13: I shall now sever your head from your body. Now let me see your most worshipable God come to protect you...



- ❖ 14: Hiranyakasipu struck his fist against the column.
- ❖ 15: Fearful sound ~ crack the covering of universe → reached even Brahmaloaka.

✧ 16: Demoniac leaders
afraid. None of them
could find the origin of
that sound.



✧ 17: To prove statement of His servant, (SPG is present everywhere), Lord Hari, exhibited a wonderful form never before seen - A form neither man nor lion.






✧ 18: In amazement, Hiranyakasipu wondered, "What is this creature that is half man and half lion?"

✧ 19-22:
Hiranyak
asipu
studied
the form
of the
Lord





❖ 23: Hiranyakasipu took club & attacked Lord like elephant, - thinking," Lord Visnu has made this plan to kill me, but who can fight with me?"



24: ~ insect in fire,
Hiranyakasipu became invisible.
Not a wonder as Lord in pure goodness,
is illuminating whole universe
15: Lord captured him like Garuda
captures a snake

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Lord gave him a chance to slip from
His hand (~ Garuda plays with a
snake) – demigods perturbed.

- ❖ 27: Demon thought that the Lord was afraid. He attacked Lord with sword & shield.
- ❖ 28: Making a loud, shrill sound of laughter, the Lord captured him. With the speed of a hawk, he moved everywhere with eyes closed due to fear.





- ❖ Lord's mouth & mane - sprinkled with blood, His eyes - full of anger. Licking the edge of His mouth with His tongue, He decorated with a garland of intestines (~lion that just killed an elephant.)



- ❖ Lord threw his heart.
- ❖ Lord killed the demons who came to attack, merely with the ends of His nails.

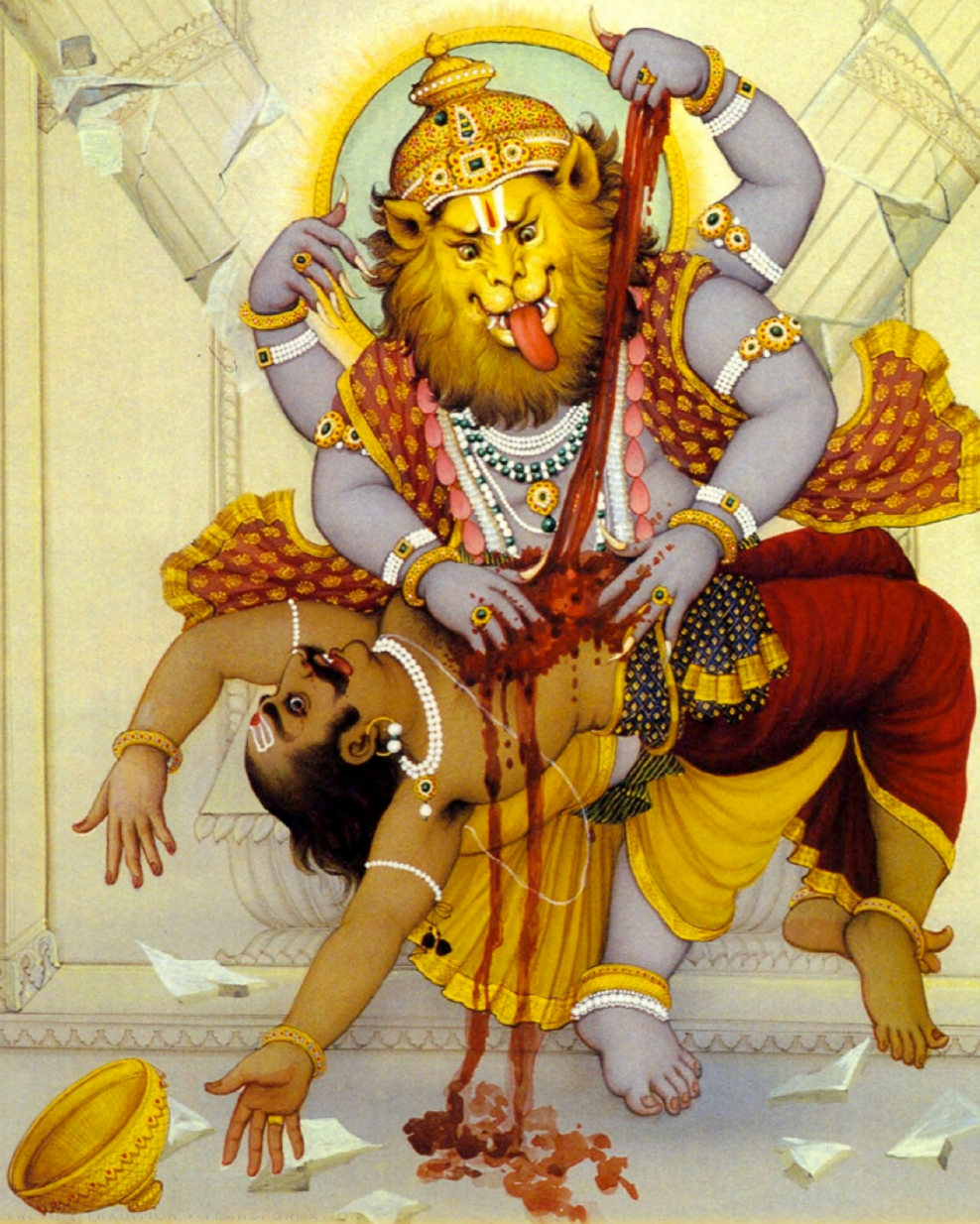


- ✧ Lord's hair - shook the clouds and scattered
- ✧ Eyes – stole the effulgence of luminaries
- ✧ Breathing – agitated the seas and oceans.
- ✧ Roar – made all the elephants cry.
- ✧ Hair – made airplanes to thrown into outer space
- ✧ Lotus feet – made earth appeared to slip, and all the mountains sprang
- ✧ Effulgence – sky and directions diminished illumination.



- ✧ Finding no one to fight, Lord sat on the throne.
- ✧ No one came forward.

- ❖ Demigods celebrated the victory
- ❖ Demigods offered prayers



40-56: Prayers by demigods

- ✧ **Brahma:** You do CMD, but remain the same.
- ✧ **Siva:** Your anger is for end of universe.
- ✧ **Indra:** This demon has taken our shares in sacrifice
- ✧ **Saints:** Austerity & penance is stopped by him. You reestablished.
- ✧ **Pitrloka:** He enjoyed all offerings of sraddha ceremonies.
- ✧ **Siddhas:** He took our mystic powers
- ✧ **Vidyadharas:** He banned our power to appear & disappear
- ✧ **Nagas:** He took our jewels & wives
- ✧ **Manus:** Our Varnasrama dharma was destroyed

40-56: Prayers by demigods

- ✧ **Prajapatis:** He forbade us to create progeny
- ✧ **Gandharvas:** He made us to dance & sing for him
- ✧ **Caranas:** Now we eternally take shelter of Your lotus feet.
- ✧ **Yaksas:** He engaged us to carry his palanquin
- ✧ **Kimpurushas:** We are insignificant & can't offer suitable prayers.
- ✧ **Vaitalikas:** He usurped our position of chanting your glories
- ✧ **Kinnaras:** He engaged us in service w/o remuneration
- ✧ **Visnu parshadas:** He is Jaya cursed by Kumaras – Your killing is special mercy.



7.9. PRAHLADA'S PRAYERS

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Demigods request
Prahlada to appease
the angry Lord

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Prahlada maharaja's
prayers

51-55



Lord's reply to
Prahlada's prayers



**1-4: No one dared to come before Lord, even laxmi;
Demigods requested Prahlada**



**5: Lord in
ecstasy –
affectionately
placed lotus
hand [creates
fearlessness
in devotees]
on devotee's
head**

✧ Narasimha
– creator of
fearlessness

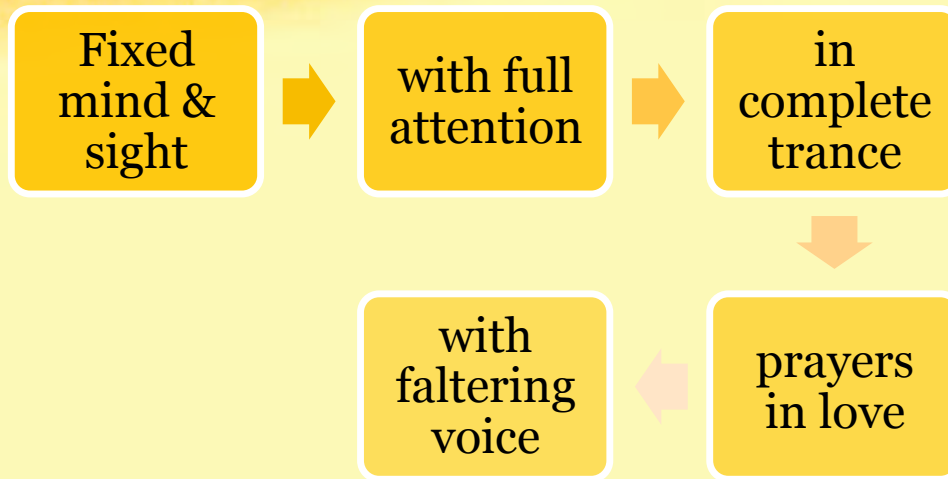




6: Symptoms of ecstasy in Prahlada

No material impediment
can stop spiritual progress
– demoniac birth

7: Prahlada begins to offer prayers



- ✧ Ability to fix mind [samadhi] upon lotus feet is a result of yoga-siddhi, attained when one is freed from all material diversions.



8: Qualified demigods & sages in sattva couldn't satisfy You, how can I [demon birth, unqualified] offer prayers?

- ✧ Humility of Vaisnava
- ✧ Sattva & Praise are not cause of Lord's mercy

*brahmādayaḥ sura-gaṇā munayo 'tha siddhāḥ
sattvaikatāna-gatayo vacasāṁ pravāhaiḥ
nārādhitum puru-guṇair adhunāpi pīpruḥ
kiṁ toṣṭum arhati sa me harir ugra-jāteḥ*

9: No material qualification can satisfy Lord. Only Bhakti satisfies

*manye dhanābhijana-rūpa-tapaḥ-śrutaujas-
tejaḥ-prabhāva-bala-pauruṣa-buddhi-yogāḥ
nārādhana ya hi bhavanti parasya puṁso
bhaktyā tutoṣa bhagavān gaja-yūtha-pāya*

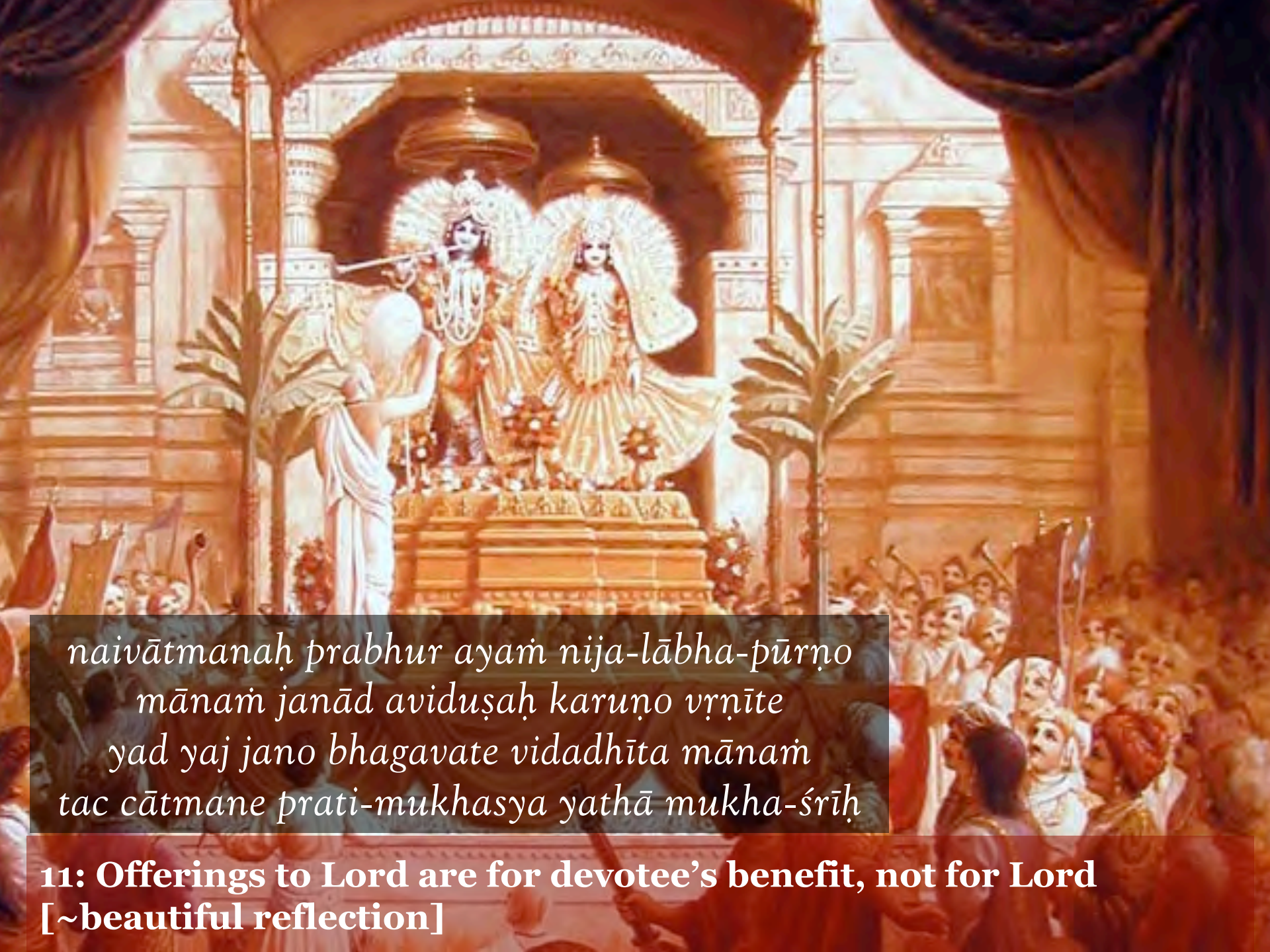


10: Non-devotee vipra Vs. devotee dog-eater

*viprād dvi-ṣaḍ-guṇa-yutād aravinda-nābha-
pādāravinda-vimukhāt śvapacaṁ variṣṭham
manye tad-arṇita-mano-vacanehitārtha-
prāṇaṁ punāti sa kulaṁ na tu bhūrimānaḥ*

| Non-devotee vipra | Devotee Sva-paca |
|--|---|
| 12 brahminical qualifications [or 12 items of verse 9] | Dog eater |
| Not a devotee & is averse to LF of Lord, in position of false prestige. | Dedicated—mind, words, activities, wealth & life—to SL |
| Cannot purify even himself | Can purify his whole family |

✧ Devotee does the best service to family, society & nation. *Link: “Am I self centered?”*



*naivātmanah prabhur ayaṁ nija-lābha-pūrṇo
mānaṁ janād aviduṣaḥ karuṇo vṛṇīte
yad yaj jano bhagavate vidadhīta mānaṁ
tac cātmane prati-mukhasya yathā mukha-śrīḥ*

**11: Offerings to Lord are for devotee's benefit, not for Lord
[~beautiful reflection]**

**12: Will offer prayers
as far as my
intelligence goes – for
my purification**

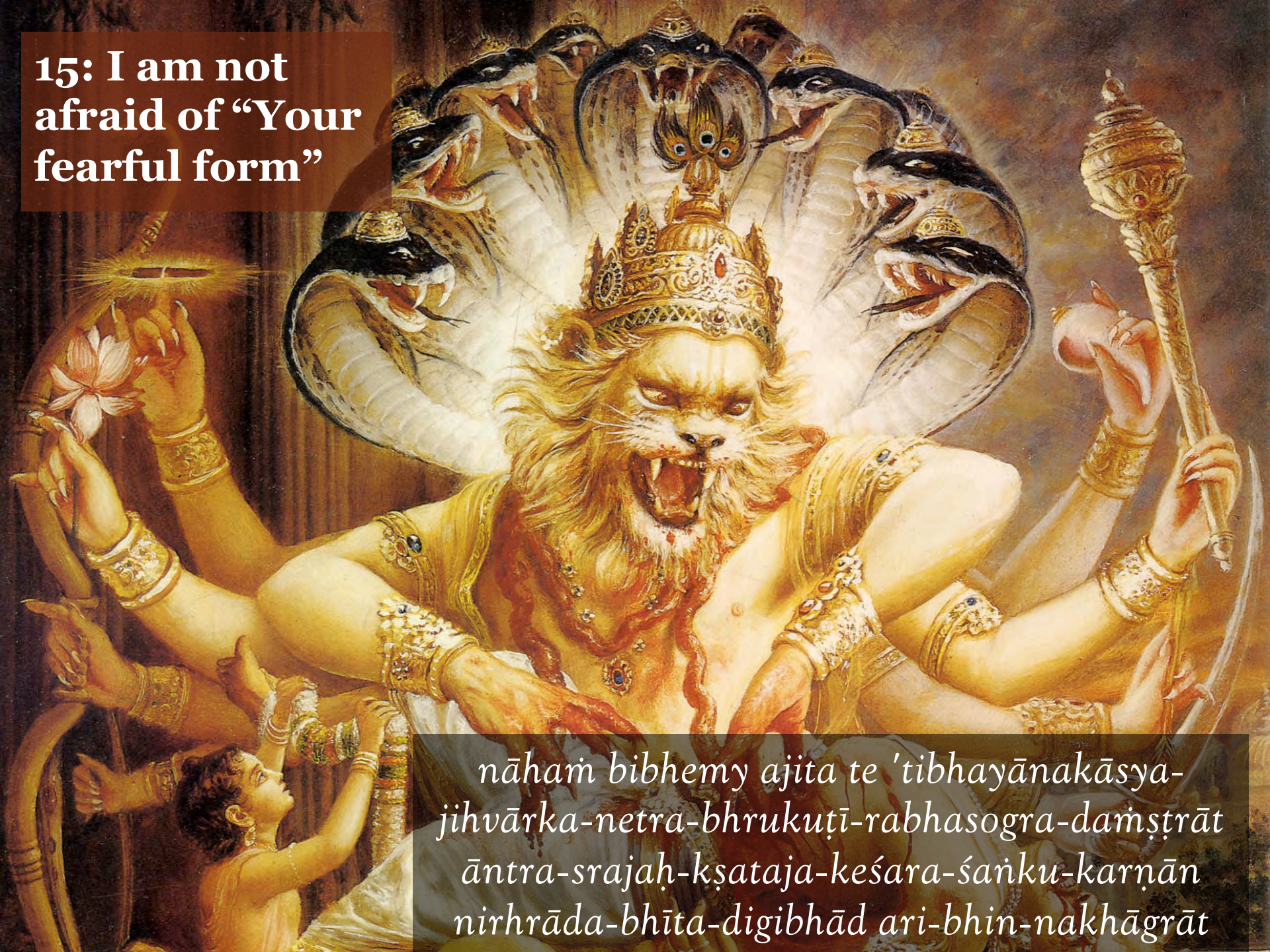


*tasmād ahaṁ vigata-viklava īśvarasya
sarvātmanā mahi grṇāmi yathā maṇiṣam
nīco 'jayā guṇa-visargam anupraviṣṭaḥ
pūyeta yena hi pumān anuvarṇitena*

- ✧ **13: Demigods (Your servants) are not fearful like us (demons). Your appearance is Your pastime –**
- ✧ **14: Cease anger – demon killed [snake/ scorpion] – worlds satisfied – remember Your incarnation to be fearless**



15: I am not
afraid of “Your
fearful form”



*nāham bibhemy ajita te 'tibhayānakāśya-
jihvārka-netra-bhrukuṭī-rabhasogra-damṣṭrāt
āntra-srajaḥ-kṣataja-keśara-śaṅku-karṇān
nirhrāda-bhīta-digibhād ari-bhin-nakhāgrāt*



Lion – Cub

Lion – Cub





Elephant drowns in sea



Fish in seawater

16: O kṛpana-vatsala, I am afraid of conditioned life; When is shelter of your lotus feet?



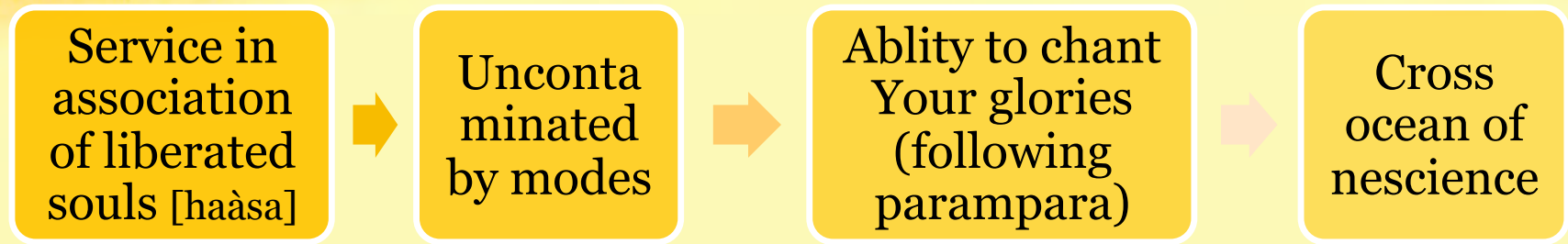
trasto 'smy ahaṁ kṛpaṇa-vatsala duḥsahogra-
saṁsāra-cakra-kadanād grasatām praṇītaḥ
baddhaḥ sva-karmabhir uśattama te 'ṅhri-mūlaṁ
prīto 'pavarga-śaraṇaṁ hvayase kadā nu

**17: Regrettable position in MW of dualities;
Remedies are more miserable than miseries;
Only remedy is to engage in Your service**



yasmāt priyāpriya-viyoga-sayoga-janma-
śokāgninā sakala-yoniṣu dahyamānaḥ
duḥkhausadham tad api duḥkham atad-dhiyāham
bhūman bhramāmi vada me tava dāsyā-yogam

18: Will Chant Your glories in parampara (Devotee's life & duty)



so 'ham priyasya suhṛdaḥ paradevatāyā
līlā-kathās tava nṛsimha viriñca-gītāḥ
añjas titarmy anugṛṇan guṇa-vīpramukto
durgāṇi te pada-yugālaya-hamṣa-saṅgaḥ

✧ Tapasya – not as dangerous as material attempts to mitigate miseries.

19: CSs neglected by You can't do anything for their betterment: Impermanent remedies!

bālasya neha śaraṇaṁ pitarau nṛsimha
nārtasya cāgadam udanvati majjato nauḥ
taptasya tat-pratividhir ya ihāñjaseṣṭas
tāvad vibho tanu-bhṛtām tvad-upekṣitānām

Parents can't protect child



**Physician/
Medicine
can't protect
patient**



Boat can't protect drowning man



Shelter

- ✧ 20: Everything is manifestation of Your energy
- ✧ 21: Only shelter of Your LF can free one from entanglement of karma-kanda etc
- ✧ 22: Material elements are under Your control – I am crushed by Time – I surrender unto Your Lotus feet



Government can Imprison & Release





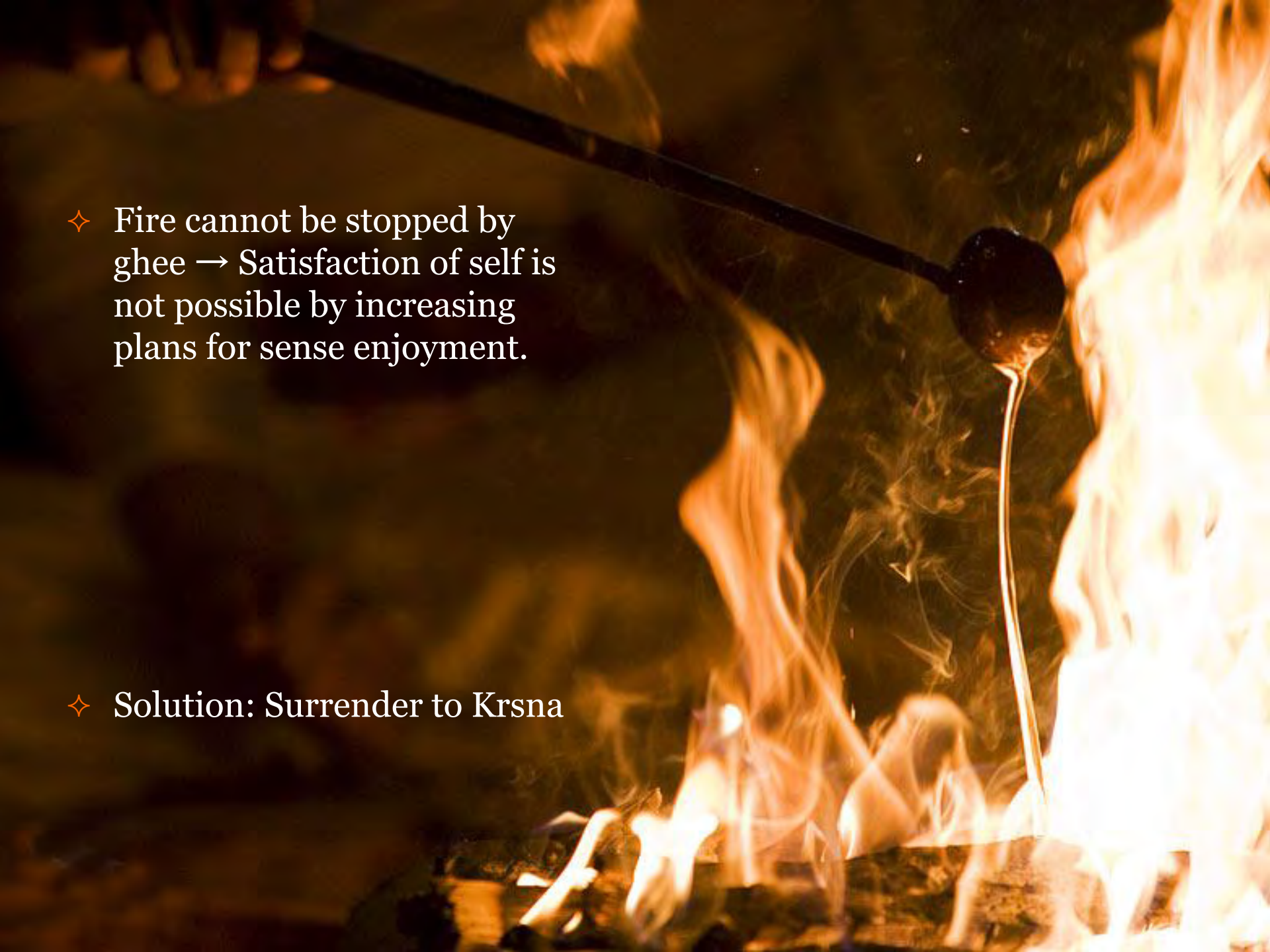
23: Futility of ayu, sriya, vibhava [My powerful father vanquished by You in a moment]

24: Place me in touch with Your Pure devotee & let me serve him as a sincere servant

25: Why LE desires happiness [mirage in desert] although knowing it to be temporary? – Uncontrolled senses!

Happiness is mirage in desert



A close-up photograph of a fire. A metal rod is held horizontally, with a dark, spherical object at its end. A thin stream of liquid is pouring from the sphere into the fire. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with flames rising. The background is dark and out of focus.

✧ Fire cannot be stopped by
ghee → Satisfaction of self is
not possible by increasing
plans for sense enjoyment.

✧ Solution: Surrender to Krsna



26: Your causeless
mercy – put hand on
me born in demoniac
family [never on
Brahma, Siva or Laxmi]
27: You (~desire tree)
reciprocate acc. to one's
level of service – not
based on higher &
lower birth
[no discrimination b/w
friends-enemies/ fav-
unfav]

28: I was falling into blind
well; Narada instructed me
– How could I leave his
service?

29: In saving me & killing
my father,
You proved Your devotee's
words true

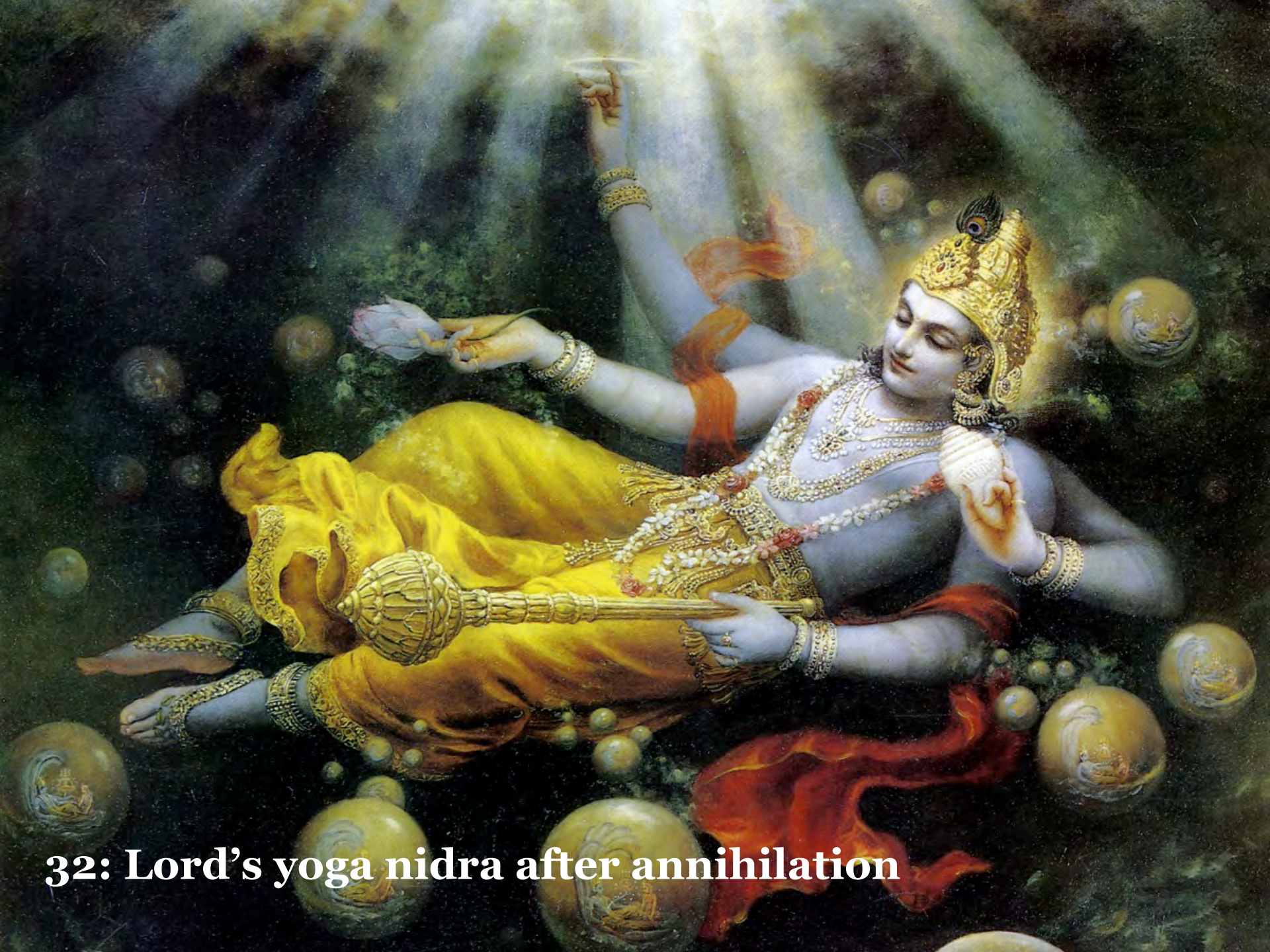




30: Lord's existence beyond CMD

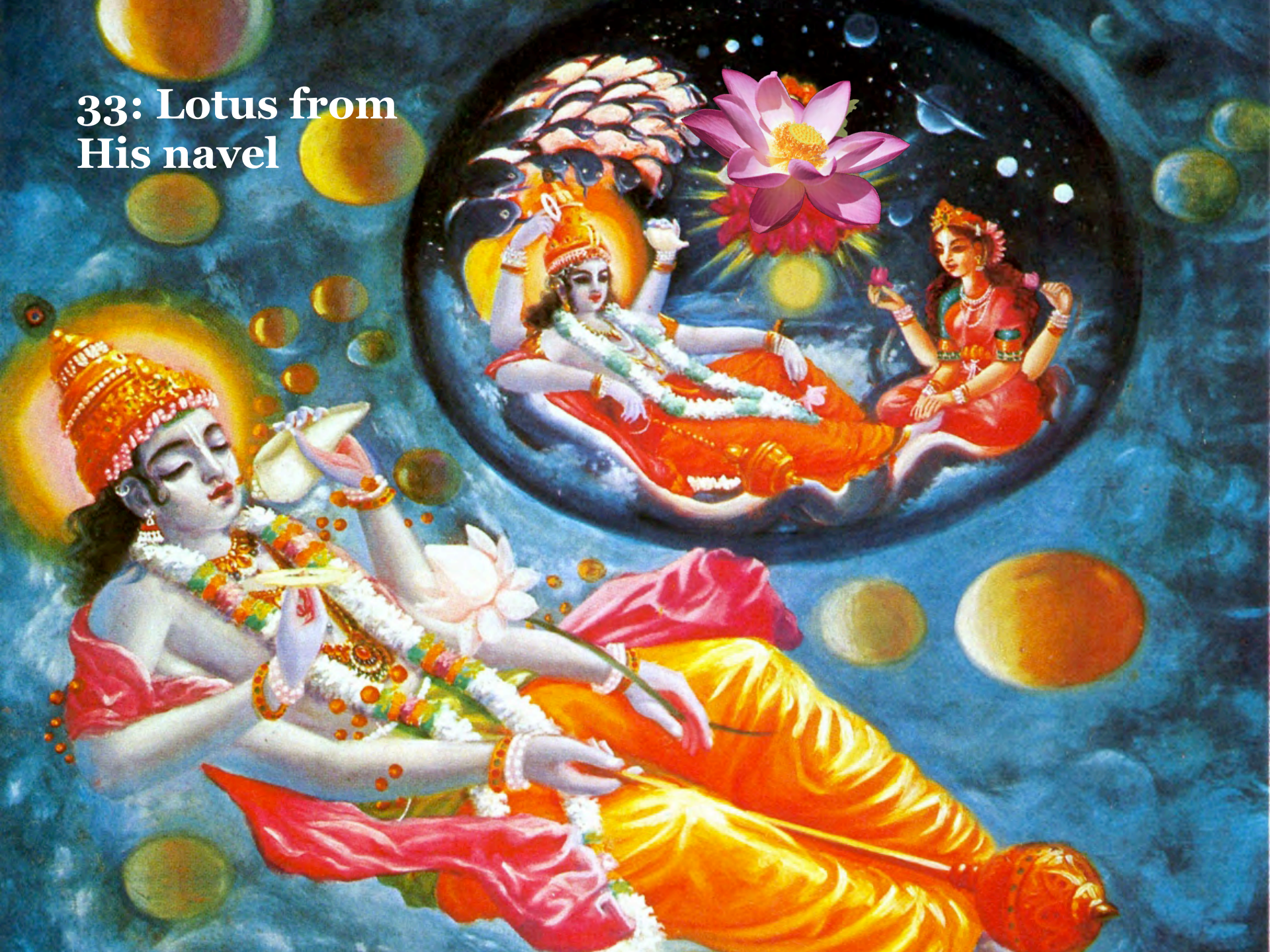


31: You are aloof from cosmos



32: Lord's yoga nidra after annihilation

33: Lotus from His navel





Banyan tree from seed

34: Brahma's birth & search for Lord



Development of cosmic manifestation ~ Fructification of seed



When Seed fructifies, original seed can't be seen.

When Seed fructifies, original seed can't be seen.



**35: Brahma sees
Lord in himself
after 100 yrs tapa**



Acintya bheda-bheda

Aroma in earth
(not seen in earth, but in flowers)



Lord spreads everywhere thru His energies

**36: Brahma sees
Lord's form,
achieves bliss**



37: Hayagriva gives Vedas to Brahma



38: Lord is triyuga



Link 38 → 39: Prahlada represents a common man...

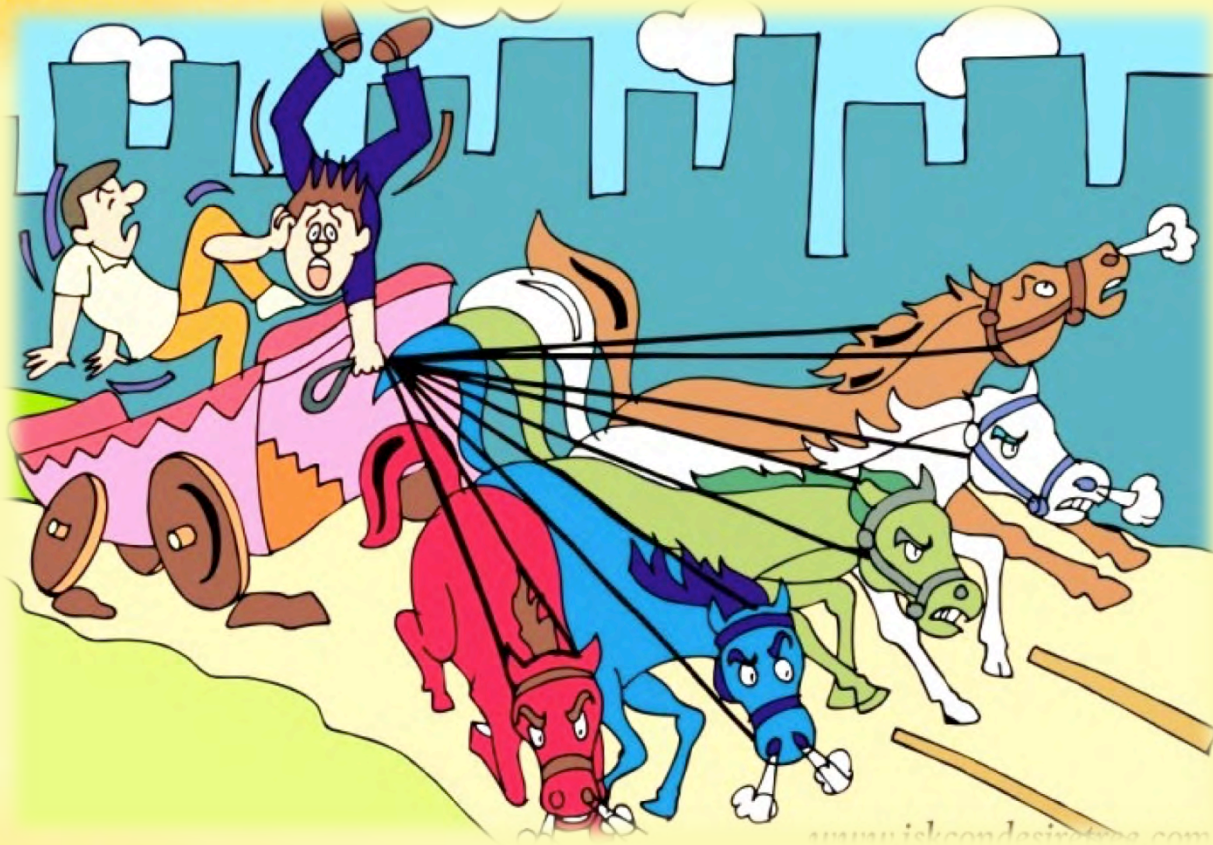


- ✧ “Constantly appearing, you shower the nectar of Your form, qualities & pastimes. But my **sinful mind** does not take pleasure in this.”
- ✧ In 39-41, Prahlada asks the Lord on behalf of fallen souls...



**39: Humility of
Prahlada → My mind
is sinful, lusty,
greedy, fallen,
poor... How can I
discuss Your
activities?**

40: My position ~ Man with many wives [senses trying to attract I their own way]



41: We are on either side of
Vaitarani. Be kind, deliver &
maintain me & everyone
42: We get delivered by
serving Your devotee
43:



naivodvije para duratyaya-vaitaraṇyās
tvad-vīrya-gāyana-mahāmṛta-magna-cittaḥ
śoce tato vimukha-cetasa indriyārtha-
māyā-sukhāya bharam udvahato vimūḍhān

41: We are on either side of
Vaitarani. Be kind, deliver &
maintain me & everyone
42: We get delivered by
serving Your devotee
43: I am fearless, absorbed in
Your glories; My concern
about vimudhas making
material plans
44: I don't wish to be
liberated alone leaving aside
fools [like munis do]
45: Grihamedhis' happiness
is insignificant





**Not Himalayas, but the busiest part of world!
Enlightening people in KC >> Bluff of spiritual advancement.**



**The members of the KCM must be fully convinced that
WITHOUT KRSNA ONE CANNOT BE HAPPY**

46: 10 methods on path of liberation – professional practice of *ajitendriya* [not for devotees]

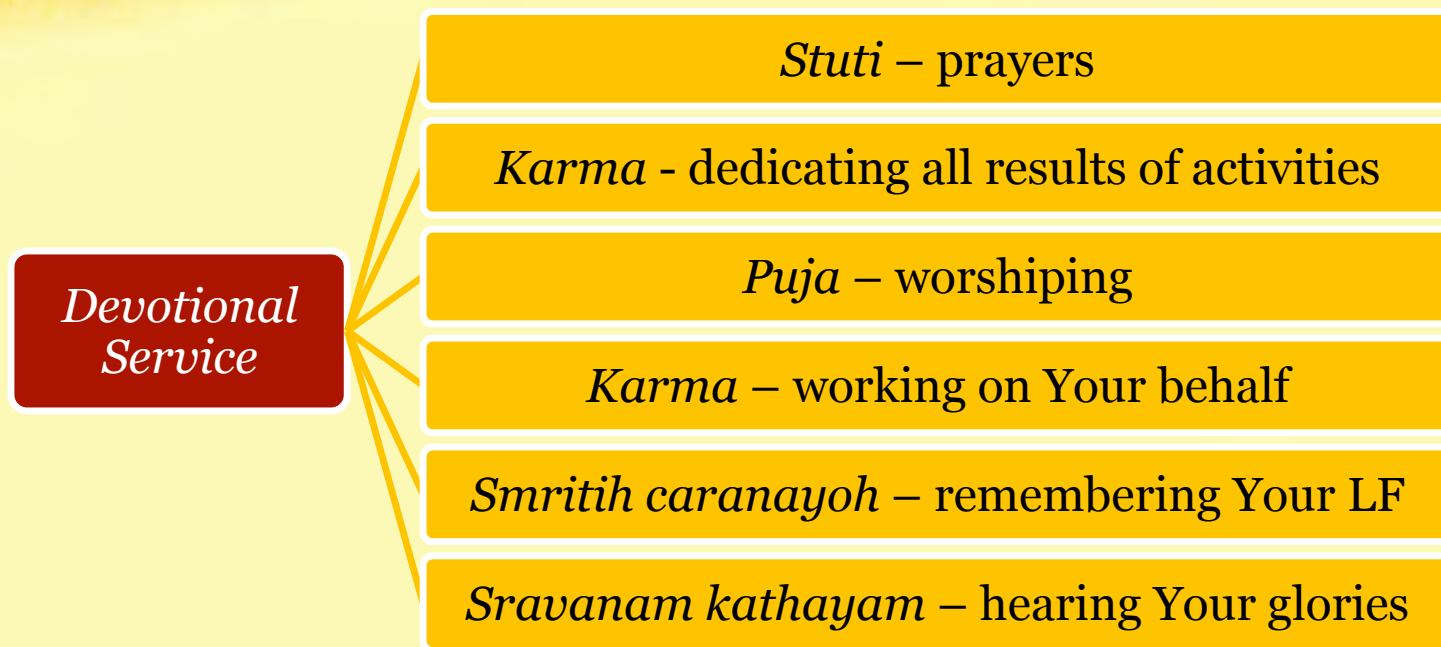
47: You are both cause & effect – understood only by Bhakti

48: All-pervasive conception of SPG → Material elements & everything expressed (by mind & words) is nothing but You

49: No one subjected to BD can understand You; So, the wise engage in practical DS



50: W/o 6 kinds of DS, who can achieve that which is meant for paramahamsas?



- ✧ Results of bhakti & understanding of bhakti are reserved for a *paramahamsa*, and this stage cannot be obtained by any Vedic process other than DS.

51-55: Narasimhadeva's reply

- ✧ 51: Lord was pacified, gave up anger & spoke...
- ✧ 52: "I am pleased, ask benediction"
- ✧ 53: Please Supreme Lord → no more lamentation
- ✧ 54: Only I can fulfill the desires of everyone"
- ✧ 55: Prahlada's disinterest in material benefits, in spite of allurements by Lord.





SB 7.10
PRAHLADA, THE
BEST DEVOTEE

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1-10: Prahlada refuses to accept material benedictions



- ✧ 1: Impediments on path of DS
- ✧ 2: I am naturally attached to material enjoyment (demon birth). So do not tempt me.
- ✧ 3: You sent me to MW to exhibit symptoms of PDs
- ✧ 4: Merchant desires material benefits for service
- ✧ 5: Who is not a pure servant & master
- ✧ 6: I am unmotivated servant & You are my eternal master
- ✧ 7-9: I should not have any material desires that vanquish all good qualities. Then one will possess opulence like Yours
- ✧ 10: ____`o__

11-17: Lord's reply to Prahlada & Prahlada's desire



- ✧ 11: You never desire material opulences. I order you to enjoy as king of demons for 1 Manvantara.
- ✧ 12: Always hear about Me & remember Me
- ✧ 13: You will be relieved of all piety & impiety & You will come to Me.
- ✧ 14: One who remembers your activities & My activities, and who chants your prayers, becomes free from the material reactions.
- ✧ 15-17: Benediction → Please excuse my father.

18-24: Lord's reply

- ✧ 18: Your father is purified along with 21 forefathers. Your entire dynasty is purified.
- ✧ 19: Devotees purify places & dynasties.
- ✧ 20: My devotees are never jealous of anyone
- ✧ 21: Those who follow you will naturally become pure devotees.
- ✧ 22-23: Perform funeral rites for your father to set example – take charge of his kingdom.



25-31: Brahma's prayers & Lord's reply

- ✧ 26: Because of our good fortune, now You killed this demon.
- ✧ 27: He received benediction from me... destroyed Vedic system.
- ✧ 28: Now Prahlāda has been released from death, he is an exalted devotee & under Your protection.
- ✧ 29: If one meditates upon You, You protect him from all fears.
- ✧ 30: “Don't give such benedictions again.”



Prahlada enthroned

- ✧ 31: Lord disappeared.
- ✧ 32: Prahlāda worshiped all the demigods.
- ✧ 33: Brahmā made Prahlāda the king of all the demons.
- ✧ 34: Demigods offered benedictions to Prahlāda, & returned.



Narada concludes the narration

- ✧ 35-45: Narada muni explains about the three births of Jaya, Vijaya & The subject matters discussed in this pastime
- ✧ 46-50: Phala Stuti & Glorification of Pandavas



Siva kills Tripurasura



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7.1–10: PDS

Yudhistrira Maharaj could practice PDS
but what about the general mass

So,

7.11–15: Varnashrama Dharma

7.11: Perfect Society : 4 Social Class

- 1-4 → Yudhisthira Maharaja glorifies Narada Muni and Inquires
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- 13-20 → Occupational duties of different Varnas
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- 25-29 → Duties of Chaste wife
- 30-35 → Duties of Mixed classes and result of following occupational duties

1-4: Yudhishthira Maharaja glorifies Narada Muni and Inquires

- ✧ How general people can attain this PDS?
- ✧ 2: Sanatana dharma & Varnasramacara?
- ✧ 3: You are the best son of Brahma because of your austerities.
- ✧ 4: No one knows better than you because you are “Narayana para”



5-12 : Narada explains eternal religious principles

5: Will explain what I heard from Narayana

6: Nara Narayana appeared from Murti & Dharma & even now executing austerities @ Badarikasharam

7: Supreme Lord is the root of all religious principles.

*dharmā-mūlaṁ hi bhagavān
sarva-vedamayō hariḥ
smṛtaṁ ca tad-vidāṁ rājan
yena cātmā prasīdati*



5-12 : Narada explains eternal religious principles

Answer to 1st question about Sanatana dharma:

- ✧ 8-12: 30 qualifications by which one can satisfy the supreme Lord
- ✧ 8-10: 21 items – Assisting items for bhakti
- ✧ 11: 9 items – PDS



21 assisting items for Bhakti

truthfulness, **mercy**, austerity (observing fasts on certain days of the month), **bathing twice a day**, tolerance, **discrimination between right and wrong**, control of the mind, **control of the senses**, nonviolence, **celibacy**, charity, **reading of scripture**, simplicity, **satisfaction**, rendering service to saintly persons, **gradually taking leave of unnecessary engagements**, observing the futility of the unnecessary activities of human society, **remaining silent and grave and avoiding unnecessary talk**, considering whether one is the body or the soul, **distributing food equally to all living entities (both men and animals)**, seeing every soul (especially in the human form) as a part of the Supreme Lord

9 items of PDS

Hearing about activities & instructions given by SPG (who is the shelter of the saintly persons), **chanting about these activities and instructions**, always remembering these activities and instructions, **trying to render service**, performing worship, **offering obeisances**, becoming a servant, **becoming a friend**, and surrendering one's whole self.

Answer to 2nd Question about Varnashram Dharma

- ✧ 7.11.13 to till the end
of 7th canto 7.15
- ✧ 7.11.13 – 24:
Occupational duties &
Symptoms of
different Varnas



| Varna | Occupational Duties | Symptoms |
|----------|---|--|
| Brahmana | 6 duties: worship Lord & teach other to worship, Study veda & teach other, Give charity & Accept . | Control of mind & senses, Austerity, Penance, cleanliness, Satisfaction, forgiveness |
| Ksatriya | Except accepting Charity all 5 duties, make livelihood by levying minimal taxes on other class except brahmana. | Influential in battle, unconquerable , Patient, Challenging, Charitable |
| Vaisyas | Agriculture , Trading & cow protection | Devoted to demigods, Guru, SPOG, Endeavour for DAKM, expert in earning money |
| Sudra | Only duty to accept master of higher social order . | ___`o_ to higher classes, cleanliness, free from duplicity |

16: Alternatives for a brahmana in Hierarchy

Varta

- Vaisyas occupational duties
- Agriculture, cow protection & trading

Salina

- Livelihood achieved without effort
- Depend on that received without begging

yayavara

- By Begging
- Begging in paddy feild

silonchanam

- Picking up left overs
- Collect grains left overs in field/Shops

17 – 20 : Emergency Duties

- ✧ Except in emergency, Lower Persons can accept the Occupational duties of the Higher
- ✧ Ksatriya can accept the duties of brahmana but not charity.
- ✧ Now is also emergency because the spiritual culture has stopped, so in ISKCON we train everyone to become Brahmana and take the work of spiritual progress.

25 – 29 : Duties of Chaste Wife

1. Favourable towards Husband & his relatives.
2. Follow Vows of Husband –leads to -> peace in family.
3. Engage in service of Husband with love in all time and Circumstance.
4. Maintain Nicely Home & household Affairs.
5. Qualities: satisfied, Clean, Pure, truthful & Controlled.
6. Should not engage in the service of fallen Husband , if he obstruct her KC , then live separately without marrying further.
7. Serving in the mood of Laxmi her devoted Husband ,she will go BTG.

30 – 35 : Duties of Mixed classes & result of following occupational Duties

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- ✧ 30: Mixed classes(Sankara) those who are some what pure are called ‘Antevasayi’/ Chandal & they have their hereditary customs.
- ✧ 31: In every yuga ,the conduct of diff sections of people accd to their guna is auspicious .
- ✧ What is the result, by acting as per ones nature?
- ✧ 32: Attains Niskama Stage – freedom from material desire

33-34: Apply to too sinful & less intelligent person

Just as flood of ghee extinguishes the fire, similarly overindulgence in lusty desire mitigates such desire.

35:Conclusion: Varna not by birth but by Qualities

*yasya yal lakṣaṇaṁ proktaṁ
puṁso varṇābhivyañjakam
yad anyatrāpi dṛśyeta
tat tenaiva vinirdiśet*

If one shows the symptoms of being a brāhmaṇa, kṣatriya, vaiśya or śūdra, as described above, even if he has appeared in a different class, he should be accepted according to those symptoms of classification.

Now Narada Muni will explain about Ashrama

- 7.12: Brahmachari & Vanaprastha Ashramas
- 7.13: Sanyasa Ashrama
- 14- 15: Grihastha Ashrama



7.12: Perfect Society : 4 Spiritual Class

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Duties of Brahmachari

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Duties of Vanaprastha

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Rules for giving up Body for a vanaprastha

1- 16 :Duties of Brahmacari

1. A student should practice completely controlling his senses,
2. submissive,
3. an attitude of firm friendship for the spiritual master,
4. live at the guru-kula, only for the benefit of the guru.
5. Early morning and in the evening, he should worship spiritual master, fire, the sun-god and Lord Viñëu.
6. Study the Vedic mantras regularly
7. dress with a belt of straw and with deerskin garments, matted hair, carry a rod and waterpot, a sacred thread.
8. should go out morning and evening to collect alms, offer them to the spiritual master. He should eat only on the order of guru.

6 – 9: Alertness of Brahmachari

1. Quite well behaved and gentle,
2. should not eat more than necessary.
3. Always be active and expert,
4. should associate with women only as much as necessary.
5. Must rigidly avoid talking with women or about women, senses may agitate even the mind of a sannyāsé.
6. A young brahmachari should not allow the young wife of guru to care for his hair, massage his body etc.

why to take so much precaution from Women?

9 : Woman ~ fire, man ~ butter pot.
So, avoid – even if daughter.
Associate only for important business.



10 – 16: By following these rules under the shelter of Guru, one attain Lord

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- ✧ 10: As long as a living entity is not completely self-realized, he cannot be relieved of the conception of duality.
- ✧ 11: All the rules and regulations apply equally to the householder and the sannyāsé.
 - ✧ Grhastha should indulge in sex for procreation.
- ✧ 12: One who has taken the vow of celibacy should not indulge in applying powder, massaging the head with oil etc.
- ✧ 13-14: in guru kula one should study all the Vedic literatures. After that following the guru's order he can accept one of the other ācramas.
- ✧ 15: One should see the Supreme Lord in the fire, in the *guru*, in one's self and in all living entities.
- ✧ 16: By practicing in this way one attains the Supreme Brahman.

17 – 23 : Duties of Vanaprastha

- 1) He should eat only fruit ripened by the sunshine.
- 2) should prepare cakes to be offered in sacrifice from fruits and grains grown naturally in forest.
- 3) should prepare a thatched cottage etc only to keep the sacred fire, but he should personally practice enduring snowfall, wind, etc.
- 4) should wear matted locks of hair.
- 5) should not cleanse his body of dirt,
- 6) should keep a water pot, deerskin and rod, etc.
- 7) should remain in the forest for twelve years, eight years, etc.
- 8) should behave in a way that he will not be disturbed by too much austerity
- 9) because of disease or old age one is unable to perform his prescribed duties, he should practice fasting, not taking any food.

Result: By rigidly following the rules for the vānaprastha, one can easily be elevated to Maharloka.

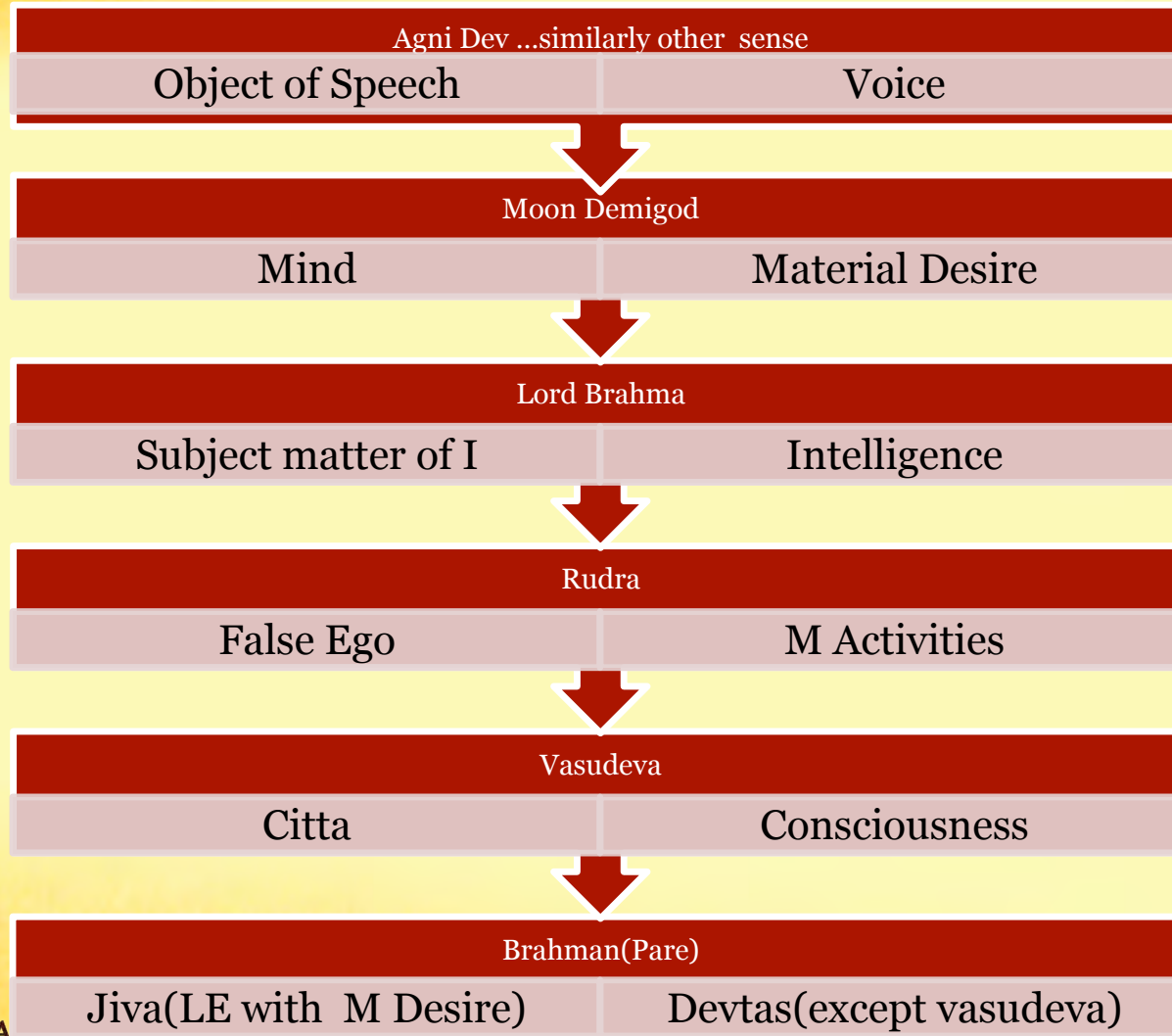
24-31: Rules for giving up Body for a vanaprastha

24: He should place the fire element in his own self and in this way give up bodily affinity. One should gradually merge the material body into the five elements.

**25: Merging of the gross body:
merging into their sources**



26-28: Merging of the subtle body: Senses & SO merged in to Sense Devta



31: understanding the *ātmā*

which remains after merging all the elements-to be indestructible, he gives up material existence, like fire whose wood has been burned away.



**SB 7.13 THE BEHAVIOR OF A
PERFECT PERSON**

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Qualities of Sannyasi

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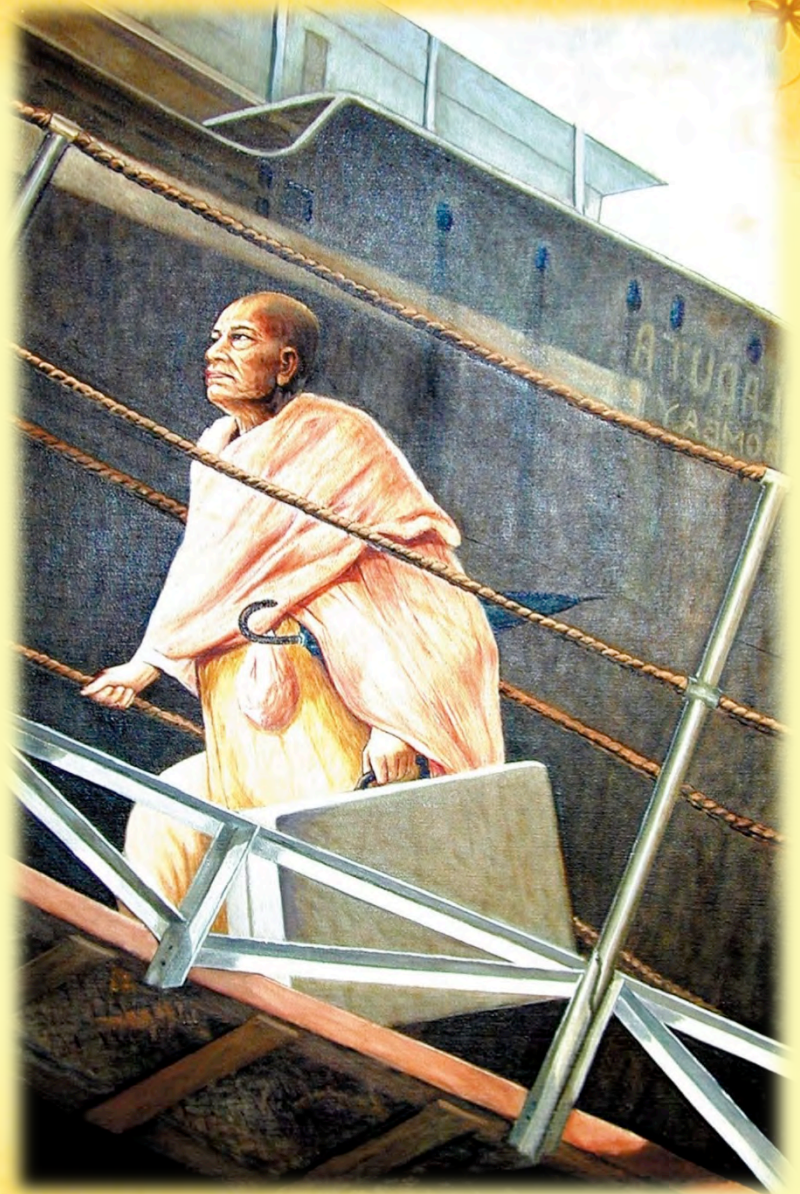


Life style of Avadhuta
Brahmana



1-10: Qualities of Sannyasi

- ❖ 1: Renounce all material connections and travel to preach
- ❖ 2: No dress except loincloth
- ❖ 3: Live on begged alms – friendly well-wisher of LEs – unalloyed devotee of Narayana
- ❖ 4: See Lord as all-pervading
 - ❖ See universe in Lord
 - ❖ Lord in everything
- ❖ 5: During conscious or unconscious states try to understand self
- ❖ 6: Leaving futile matter, observe the eternal time factor.



1-10: Qualities of Sannyasi

- ❖ 7: Material literatures should be rejected and avoid arguments and professionalism for livelihood.
 - ❖ Material literatures → tad vayasam tirtham
- ❖ 8: No material allurements to gather many disciples
 - ❖ Nor should he read many books or give discourses as a means of livelihood
- ❖ 9: Advanced sannyasi may or may not accept symbols of sannyasi
- ❖ 10: Though wise present himself like a dumb man



11-20: Prahlada Maharaj meets a saintly person

- ❖ 11: Example from history
- ❖ 12-13: Prahlada Maharaja meets a saintly person on Sahya Mountain.
 - ❖ Lying on the ground || Covered with dust.
- ❖ 14: Neither by that saintly person's activities, bodily features, words, could people understand whether he was some person they knew.
 - ❖ vaisnavera kriyā mudrā vijñe nā bhujhaya
 - ❖ Only Vaisnava can understand other Vaisnava
- ❖ 15: Prahlada Maharaja duly worshiped him, and inquired from him.
- ❖ 16-17: You are not doing any endeavour, but you have a stout body.
- ❖ 18: You have no money, so how then your body become so fat?
- ❖ 19-20: Though wise, capable, you lie down, looking at people performing actions with disgust.

21-34: Reply and instructions of Avadhuta Brahmana

- ✧ 21-22: You are aware of the different stages of life because of your tx eyes.
- ✧ 23: Although you know everything, I shall answer for self-purification.
- ✧ 24: Because of insatiable desires - engaged in different activities - accepted various forms of life.
- ✧ 25: In that evolutionary process – I received this human form – the juncture of species



21-34: Avadhuta Brahmana shares his experience

- ✧ 26: Seeing the distress with womanly pleasures – I renounced from performing actions
- ✧ 27: Material SG is simply imagination
- ✧ 28: CS forgets his self-interest – due to bodily id
- ✧ 29: LE unable to see happiness within, looks for it in MW ~ deer unable to see water in covered well



21-34: Avadhuta Brahmana shares his experience

- ✧ 30: All my plans to enjoy were baffled being controlled by laws of MN
- ✧ 31: All activities are subjected to 3-fold miseries
- ✧ 32: Rich man greedy to accumulate wealth but suffers insomnia due to fear of losing it.
- ✧ 33: Original cause of all miseries: Desire for prestige and money



35-37: Spiritual Masters of Avadhuta Brahmana

- ✧ 35: Bee: satisfaction –
Learned to be unattached
to accumulating money.
- ✧ 37: Python: patience –
Learned to be satisfied
with whatever achieved
in its own accord.



38-46: Life-style of Avadhuta Brahmana

- ✧ **38: Eating habits:** Sometimes eat less, too much, palatable dishes, stale, offered with respect, neglectfully, during the day, night.
- ✧ **39: Dressing habits:** To cover my body I use linen, silk, cotton, bark or deerskin, according to my destiny.
- ✧ **40: Sleeping habits:** Sometimes I lie on the surface of the earth, on leaves, grass or stone, on a pile of ashes, or in a palace.
- ✧ **41: Lifestyle:** Sometimes I bathe. Sometimes I travel naked, like a person haunted by a ghost.



38-42: Life-style of Avadhuta Brahmana

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Eating

- Sometimes - eat less, too much, palatable dishes, stale, offered with respect, neglectfully, during the day, night.

Dressing

- To cover my body I use linen, silk, cotton, bark or deerskin, according to my destiny.

Sleeping

- Sometimes I lie on the surface of the earth, on leaves, grass or stone, on a pile of ashes, or in a palace.

Lifestyle

- Sometimes I bathe, smear sandalwood pulp and travel like a king, sometimes I travel naked, like a person haunted by a ghost.

Disposition

- Difficult to deal with different mentalities.
- Therefore I only desire their welfare

42-46: Winding up oneself to Brahman

Offer actions



Consciousness



Mind



False Ego



Prakriti



Brahman



Completely
detached from
material life

- ❖ 45: I have thus described all this because you are a great devotee
- ❖ 46: Prahlada Maharaja understood the occupational duties of a paramahansa and left.



SB 7.14 IDEAL FAMILY LIFE

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and patra

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Action

- 1: YM: How the householders w/o conscious of goal attain liberation?
- 2: NM: They should act to earn their livelihood – offer results to Vasudeva

How to satisfy Lord?

- ✧ 3-4: By associating with maha-munis – hearing Krsna-katha
 - ✧ Gradually become detached from family attachments ~ objects seen in dreams

5: Earn to maintain body & soul

- ✧ Externally – detached || internally - attached → phalgu vairagya
- ✧ Vice-versa → yukta vairagya

6: Live simple life – externally attached || internally detached.

7: Be satisfied by the supply from rain, sun and earth.

8: Claiming proprietorship of wealth more than required – thief

9: Treat animals, birds and flies exactly like one's own son.

Association

Accumulation

1-18: The path of the householder

- ✧ 10: No need to endeavor very hard for tri-vargas
- ✧ 11: Dog's, fallen's & untouchable's necessities should be maintained
 - ✧ Even one's wife should be offered for the reception of guests.
- ✧ 12: Give up the attachment to wife → conquer the Lord.
- ✧ *How?*
- ✧ 13: By deliberation: body will transform into *kṛmi-viḍ-bhasma*
- ✧ 14: To give up attachments – be satisfied with prasada
- ✧ 15: Worship SL, DGs, sages, forefathers, HBs, LEs and then oneself.
- ✧ 16: Wealthy and educated should perform sacrifices with offerings.
- ✧ *How is Lord pleased?*
- ✧ 17: Lord accepts oblations thru the mouth of brahmanas
- ✧ 18: Therefore first offer it to Brahmanas and DGs – then to other LEs.

19-33: Time and place to perform the sraddha rites

- ✧ 19-33: Success in short human span – sraaddha ceremony
 - ✧ Should not be performed in fasting days

34-39: Importance of worshipping the Deity

- ✧ 34: As decided by learned sages that only the SL, is the best person to whom everything must be given.
- ✧ 35: Example: All the assembled at Rajasuya sacrifice decided upon Lord Krsna, should be the first person to be worshiped.
- ✧ *What is the reason of their agreement of worshipping SL?*
- ✧ Universe ~ tree – whose root is Krsna – worshipping Him – means all LE
- ✧ 37: The Lord created many bodies and resides in them as Paramatma.
- ✧ 38: He is manifested to jiva according one's kx, austerity, penance... et al

40-42: Importance of Brahmana and Acyuta according to desa, kala and patra

- ✧ 39: When great sages saw disrespectful dealings at the beginning of Treta-yuga, Deity worship was introduced
- ✧ 40: Neophyte's worship: since he is envious in nature – Lord is never pleased with his service
- ✧ 41: Brahmanas are the best – since by practicing austerity, studying vedas – become counterpart body of the Lord
- ✧ 42: Even Lord worships them – they preach and sanctify 3-worlds



**SB 7.15 INSTRUCTIONS FOR
CIVILIZED HUMAN BEINGS**

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Process of liberation for the householder

1-11: Rules for Sraddha rites

✧ 1: Gradation of Brahmanas:

| Type | Identification |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Vipra | The householder fixed in karma |
| Vanaprastha | Fixed in austerity |
| Brahmacari | Fixed in study and teaching |
| Sannyasi | Fixed in jñāna-yoga |

✧ Which Brahmana should be served?

✧ 2: Person desiring liberation → charity to Sannyasi or other brahmanas

✧ 3-4: Inviting many brahmanas can create discrepancy in respect, time and place.

✧ 5: Offer prasada to suitable person –
Everlasting benefit

| Oblations | No. of Brahmanas |
|-------------|-------------------|
| DGs | 2 or at least one |
| Forefathers | 3 or at least one |

1-11: Rules for Sraddha rites

- ✧ *What should be our attitude to serve?*
- ✧ 6: Offer prasada seeing them all as devotees of the SL.
- ✧ 7: Should not offer meat, fish or eggs – Lord is displeased

- ✧ *Why not non-veg?*
- ✧ 8: There is no higher dharma than giving up violence to all LEs by BMW
- ✧ 9: Jnanis free of material desires, control the self in fire of spiritual kx.

- ✧ *Animal's thought – being sacrificed*
- ✧ 10: This merciless ignorant butcher – he'll surely kill us
- ✧ 11: One who is not cruel to animals should perform his duties by offering forest foods.

12-21: Irreligion to be avoided

- ✧ 12-14: 5 forbidden types of adharmas:

| Adharma |
|----------------------|
| <i>Vidharma</i> |
| <i>Para-dharma</i> |
| <i>Upadharma</i> |
| <i>Chala-dharma</i> |
| <i>ābhāsa-dharma</i> |

- ✧ *Why dharma performed acc. to one's nature gives relief from distress?*
- ✧ Though poor should not strive for wealth to execute acts of dharma
- Desirelessness gives livelihood to the person.

12-21: Irreligion to be avoided

- ✧ *How to remain satisfied?*
- ✧ 16: Where is the happiness of the satisfaction, who runs out of lust and greed?
- ✧ 17: One who is self-satisfied sees auspiciousness everywhere ~ just as one who has shoes is protected from thorns and rocks.
- ✧ 18: He is happy even with drinking water, while one who is driven by senses must accept the position of household dog
- ✧ *Result of greed?*
- ✧ 19: Due to greed for senses, education, austerity and reputation - a brahmana dwindles.
- ✧ *How to conquer greed?*
- ✧ 20-21: Hunger and thirst are satisfied when one eats

22-25: Processes to conquer various obstacles

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| Anartha | How to conquer? |
|---|---|
| Lusty desires | By making plans with determination By making negative determination E: “Today I’ll not enjoy” |
| Anger | by giving up envy |
| Greed | by discussing the disadvantages of accumulating wealth |
| Fear | by discussing the truth |
| Lamentation and illusion | By discussing spiritual knowledge |
| Pride | by serving a great devotee by serving the SM – Rshabhdeva |
| Obstacles on the path of mystic yoga | by keeping silent |
| Envy / Violence | by stopping sense gratification |
| sufferings due to other LEs | By good behavior and freedom from envy Ref: gunadikam mudam lipsed |
| sufferings due to providence | by meditation in trance |
| sufferings due to the body and mind | by practicing hatha-yoga, pranayama |
| Sleep, the modes of passion and ignorance | by developing the mode of goodness by eating small quantities of satvik food or by serving LEs |
| All this can be automatically done if one engages in the service of the spiritual master with faith and devotion. Devotion to guru: a broad spectrum anti-biotic | |

26-29: Importance of accepting Guru

- ✧ 26: One who considers that guru is an ordinary HB, everything is frustrated.
 - ✧ His Vedic studies and kx are useless.
- ✧ 27: Lord Krsna's lotus feet are worshiped by great saints. But there are fools who consider Him an ordinary human.
 - ✧ SM = SL → Even a slight deviation from this understanding can create disaster in the disciple's Vedic studies and austerities.
- ✧ 28: Those processes which do not produce meditation on the SL, are only useless labour.
- ✧ 29: Occupations brings wealth, but do not produce liberation ~ sacrifice by non-devotees do not attain Lord.
- ✧ *So, then how the householder will attain liberation?*

30-40: Process of liberation for the householder

- ✧ 30: One who desires to conquer the mind must leave the family and live in a solitary place.
 - ✧ He should beg as much as he needs.
- ✧ Establishing a seat in a clean, level place, one should sit comfortably, firmly, with a straight body, and chant the Vedic pranava.
 - ✧ Omkara = Hare Krishna mantra – non-different in potencies – only difference is Hare Krishna mantra can be chanted anywhere and at anytime.
- ✧ 32-33: Perform pranayama staring at tip of nose till free from mat desires
- ✧ 34: In this way, in a short time his heart becomes fixed.
- ✧ 35: When consciousness is free from lust – becomes calm
 - ✧ Then one does not return to materialistic acts.
- ✧ 36-37: After renouncing world, if one thinks body as self and again enjoys is vantasi (shameless eater of vomit) is most sinful.

30-40: Process of liberation for the householder

✧ 38-39: Dealing with fallen person from particular asrama:

| Asrama | Abominable to-- |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Brahmacāri | not to follow his vows in guru-kula |
| Grihasta | give up his prescribed duties |
| vānaprastha | engage in village activities |
| Sannyāsi | addicted to sense gratification |

✧ 40: The human form is meant for understanding the self and the Supreme Self.

41-46: Analogy of chariot

- ✧ 41-46: Jnani's say that body is a chariot:





Thank You
